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# BRITAIN IN EUROPE ...

It's one of the strongest EUROPEAN CUPS for years, with eight good quality Quarter-Finalists. Having said that, Forest have avoided any of the accepted 'giants' and although going to East Berlin is never the most pleasant of trips, it's straightforward and Forest's previous tie, in Rumania, gave them some idea of what to expect behind the Iron Curtain.

Dynamo have been in Europe five times, their best year being 1972 when they reached the Semi-Finals of the ECWC. This is their debut in the European Cup and so far they have not been beaten in knocking out Ruch Chorzow and Servette Geneva.

Clough's side already has one European pot to its credit this season, the Super Cup. Dynamo were second when the East German League stopped for its winter-break; Forest could scrape through

## BATTLE OF THE GIANTS

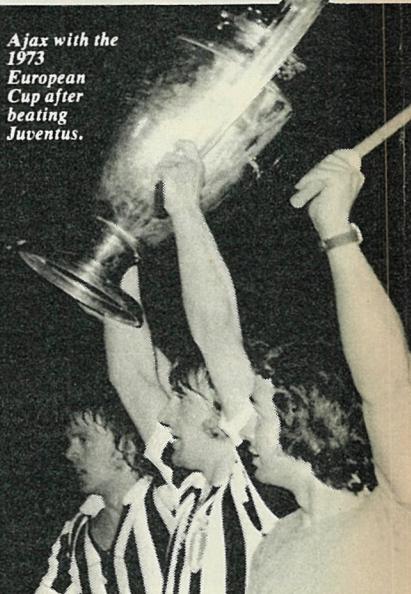
in a low-scoring tie.

Laurie Cunningham talks in length about the Celtic/Real Madrid tie opposite. Between them the two clubs have been in European competition 41 times and have won 40 domestic Championships. Celtic may just find the Spanish Champions a little too strong for them.

Hajduk Split beat Manchester

United 6-0 in a recent friendly, but Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV are, rightly, many critics' tip for the European Cup. They have a strong defence, inventive midfield and plenty of strength up-front. They beat Liverpool's conquerors, Dinamo Tbilisi, 6-3 on aggregate and it would be marvellous to see Keegan play against Forest or Celtic in the Final. Mighty Mouse wants to leave Hamburg for Southampton with a European Cup winners' medal and we can't see Hajduk stopping him.

The Strasbourg/Ajax ties could be close affairs. The Amsterdammers have crashed 26 goals past inferior opposition so far, yet incredibly lost 0-4 in Cyprus after winning 10-0 at home. They aren't the team of ten years ago, but led by the great Ruud Krol they may be good enough to reach the last four again.



## SWedes PREPARE FOR THE GUNNERS

ARSENAL can be pleased with the EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP draw. Gothenburg aren't the best of the remaining seven clubs and the journey to Sweden is easy. No doubt Gunners chairman Denis Hill-Wood will be praying FC Nantes can beat Dynamo Moscow to avoid any possible 'political' embarrassment in the Semi-Finals for the Londoners. Nantes are riding high in the French League and should be too strong for the Russians, who haven't played competitive football for months because of the severe winter.

Back to Arsenal: Gothenburg won't be pushovers and are, by all accounts, well-organised and will be fit, if not match-fit. Swedish sides are never lacking in this respect.

Gothenburg have been playing regularly on Astroturf and got in trim with some practice matches in Portugal. They are a better side



Arsenal go close in the last round of the Cup-Winners' Cup against Magdeburg at Highbury.

than Malmö, apparently, although their present coach, Sven-Goren Ericsson, has curbed their attacking formation for more "organised" football.

They're hard to break down and

in goal, the Icelander Thorsten Olafsson will be hoping to do better than he did when he played for Keflavik against Spurs and Everton a while back.

Gothenburg have Sweden's first

full-time professional, Torbjörn Nilsson, a dangerous forward, while the Homjren brothers, Tommy and Tord, will have to be watched. For the return, Arsenal can expect a crowd of 40,000 — Gothenburg is THE sports city in Sweden.

Barcelona and Valencia aren't overjoyed at playing each other, although the clubs' bank managers aren't complaining with sky-high ticket prices. Barcelona haven't won away in the League for almost 18 months, while Valencia, with Mario Kempes finding his goal-touch again, have climbed the First Division table. Our tip is Valencia.

Juventus are having a funny season in Italy. They plummeted to the relegation zone and then, a few weeks later, were third. If their golden oldies, such as Zoff, Causio and Bettega, find their best form they should overcome the Yugoslavs of Rijeka.

It's odds-on a West German club winning the U.E.F.A. CUP again, with all their original participants still in the last eight. St-Etienne are probably the pick of the rest and their two ties against Borussia Mönchengladbach promise to produce the best football of all the Euro clashes.

Borussia, the holders, are midway in the Bundesliga, but their previous victories in Milan and Craiova prove they are still a force to be reckoned with at this level.

The all-German battle between Kaiserslautern and Bayern should be won by the Munich side. The three-times European Champions are pushing for the Bundesliga title again and led by the in-form Paul Breitner have already beaten

## GERMANY RULES O.K.

Kaiserslautern this season. The sides meet in the League the weekend before the second-leg, incidentally.

Stuttgart and Eintracht are in the group just below the leaders and it is a distinct possibility that this League will provide all four Semi-Finalists.

Bayern's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge will pose a big threat in the U.E.F.A. Cup this season.



# SHOOT looks at next week's vital Quarter-Finals first-leg ties

Laurie Cunningham was sitting in the luxurious lounge of a four-star hotel in Valencia when SHOOT asked him for his predictions about the Celtic — Real Madrid tie in the European Cup Quarter-Finals.

"Oh, it's not bad," he grinned, trying not to commit himself. "I think we've got a good chance of winning, though. With all due respect to Celtic, my first reaction to the draw was relief that we hadn't got to fight it out with Hamburg, Ajax or even Forest. Having said that, we all know that Celtic are not going to be a push-over by any means."

"No, I'm not worried about a match back in Britain. Just the opposite, in fact, because at least I know how British teams play. In that respect, some of my teammates will perhaps find it more difficult than I, because Spanish and British football are very, very different. In my case, forewarned is fore-armed. If anything, I could feel more comfortable against Celtic than I do against some of the Spanish man-to-man marking specialists."

At this point, Laurie's roommate Angel breaks in: He's been reading at the next table, but has been eavesdropping in a bid to improve his already-good English.

"Laurie's right. British players are hard, but they're noble. Here, the defenders cheerfully elbow

Real's manager Vujadin Boskov takes a seat at the table.

"Luis Molowny has been looking at them for us, and they're not a bad side at all. We should beat them, but I stress they're not a bad side. Molowny was impressed with the winger — Provan? Is that his name? And a fellow called McCluskey. And Lennox. And they've got a good full-back," he adds, stabbing a finger meaningfully at Laurie, "called McGrain . . ."

"Yes, he's good," agrees Laurie, "though we've never come face to face. Should be quite a battle! We'll see how much space he gives



Celtic's Danny McGrain (above, hoops) faces a tough battle attempting to contain Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham (left).



## CONFIDENT

you or kick you while the ball's up the other end of the pitch. But in Britain the players tackle hard and low, and rarely go over the top.

"We're a footballing side so I think the Celtic fans can rest assured that they won't see a repeat performance of that Celtic — Atlético Madrid battle of a few years ago. No, my biggest worry is being able to understand Scottish accents. Laurie's warned me they don't have exactly his London accent!"

In the meantime, Cunningham has been trying to recall his previous trips to Glasgow.

"I've played against Rangers at Ibrox while I was with West Brom, but I've never played against Celtic — I'm pretty sure of that. To be honest, I don't know a great deal about them except that they're at the top of the Premier Division — though by all accounts they're perhaps not the best Celtic side of all time. Don't give that as my personal opinion! I'm just repeating what other people have told me! I mean, I have to own up and say I don't know much about Celtic at all because I've been out of touch since I came to Madrid."

"Celtic?" booms a voice with enough decibels to paralyse the conversations in the entire lounge.

## CUNNINGHAM A REAL THREAT TO CELTIC

me at Parkhead next week." They play a 4-3-3," continues the Yugoslavian manager, "but they don't give too much away. We'll have to play a very serious game in Glasgow so that we don't leave ourselves too much to do in Madrid in the return leg."

"We normally play 4-3-3," explains Laurie, "with Juanito, Santillana and myself up-front. But in

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away matches, Juanito and I tend to drop back a fair amount to give a hand in midfield, alongside Angel, Del Bosque and the German, Stielike. I really wouldn't like to forecast the result — let's just say I'm confident!"

Laurie was also keeping his cards close to his chest when we began to talk about the Real players' bonus if they qualify for the Semi-finals, though a figure of £1,750 a man has been mentioned.

"The club is placing a lot of importance on the European Cup this season," explains Boskov. "Real have an unequalled record of success in the competition, but it's a long time since they last won it. This year the Final is going to be held in our own Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, and it would be a tremendous occasion in the history of the club if we could play in the Final in front of our own supporters. I'm confident that Celtic won't prevent us from taking a step nearer our dream."

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Like every Merseyside derby, it will resemble a Cup Final, and this week the city throbs with anticipation at the coming clash of the Reds and the Blues.

Everywhere — in shop, home and factory — it dominates the conversation and I'll be concentrating on keeping out of the way to prevent being drawn into the discussions.

If there are any neutrals in Liverpool, I've never met them.

While Liverpool have scooped up a string of trophies since 1970, Everton have failed to land a single honour and I'd pinpoint the main reason as their failure to replace the highly-creative, sweet-flowing midfield trio of Alan Ball, Howard Kendall and Colin Harvey.

## 'Our derby games no longer lack goals'

That vital section of a side has been aptly described as its "engine room".

I still hear Evertonians complaining Ballie was allowed to leave the club too soon. That there's a fair amount of truth in it is underlined by the superb service he's given to Arsenal and continues to provide Southampton.

He's a tremendous inspiration to a team with his enthusiasm and experience, and would still not disgrace himself in an England shirt.

Howard Kendall always had problems with injuries, though, but is still proving his worth with Third Division Blackburn Rovers. Colin Harvey remains at Everton, no longer as a player but as coach to the reserve side.

Perhaps the loss of that lamented threesome is the reason why present manager Gordon Lee keeps buying midfield players!

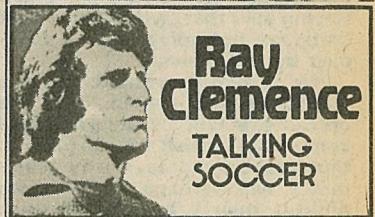
Mr Lee has openly expressed his admiration for Liverpool and would like his team to play to a similar style. Unfortunately, so far they have failed to blend consistently.

However, whereas at one time when they went a goal down they tended to lose heart, Everton have developed a fighting spirit comparable to ours and staged several marvellous recoveries in recent years.

I suspect many of their veteran supporters, brought up to regard Everton as the masters of stylish football — Goodison was once known as the "academy of football" — and with fond memories of players like Alex Young, christened "The Golden Vision", deplore the idea of copying Liverpool's policy of high work-rate, non-stop running and skill without frills.

I'm sure their attitude would be different if they had celebrated the Championship and Cup wins their Liverpool counterparts have enjoyed for the past decade!

When I first came to Merseyside,



**Ray Clemence**  
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both clubs regularly pulled in gates of over 40,000. We still do so, but Everton only average around 26,000, well below the figure they need to break even and pay their way.

The erosion has taken place over a long period, and it will need at least two seasons of success for the stay-aways to become regular matchgoers again.

A change has taken place in our derby games. Until recently they tended to be low-scoring affairs with everyone ultra-cautious and concentrating on defence. More goals have begun to be scored, as exemplified in the 2-2 draw at Anfield earlier this season.

## Great

Twice we led in a game we dominated, and twice The Blues pegged back to demonstrate they can now match us for tenacity and grit.

The fact both teams are prepared to go for goal is great for paying customers and players — with the exception of the 'keepers!

Despite Everton's poor showing this season which has seen them at the wrong end of the table, removed from the U.E.F.A. Cup in an early round, humiliatingly dumped out of League Cup by Third Division Grimsby Town, and with only the F.A. Cup to aim for, they'll start even with us on Saturday and we'll give them every respect.

One player we'll especially be watching out for is John Bailey, bought from Blackburn, who has adapted amazingly quickly to First Division football. He's having an exceptional season so far at left-back, a notoriously difficult position to fill.

Several others will be making their debut in a Merseyside derby. John Gidman, a local lad who has experience as a spectator; Joe McBride, who has taken over Dave



Andy King has scored for Everton in their last three derby games. Here he blasts the equaliser in a 2-2 draw at Anfield earlier this season.



Thomas' role as supplier of crosses to Bob Latchford; and Martin Hodge, the replacement for George Wood.

I don't want to be harsh on Everton, but looking through their squad, there isn't one player capable of holding down a place in the Liverpool line-up, something they have in common with most of the other players in the First Division!

When Everton beat us 18 months ago, it was their first win for seven years. Since then the boot has been on the other foot and they've enjoyed an undefeated run.

It's up to us to end it this Saturday. Not only to restore our standing on Merseyside but to earn the two away points needed to fend off Manchester United's title challenge. The race is now so close that to bring back only one point, the former objective, is just not enough!

Another main topic of conversation in the dressing-room at Melwood, our training ground, and the players' lounge at Anfield is who to vote for in the P.F.A. "elections" for our Players of the Year.

There's a feeling once again that the poll takes place too early, because at this stage we're judging



## 'EVERTON START LEVEL WITH US'

**'Osvaldo Ardiles (left) and Gary Bailey (right)**

### — my Players of the Year'

players over half a season instead of a full one as the football writers do.

But that would mean holding the annual dinner much later than early March, which would probably reduce the attendance.

Even with the present timing, I've been unable to attend a single P.F.A. dinner due to football commitments. I doubt if I'll be allowed to go to the next one.

And I'd especially like to, for I've got a feeling our own Kenny Dalglish is likely to win the award.

It'll be between him and Osvaldo Ardiles, the man who gets my vote as we're not allowed to nominate a team-mate.

Spurs' little Argentinian has even improved on last season, confounding some critics who felt he was too slightly built to stand up to the physical demands of our football.

Not only does he possess a darting turn of speed over the first five yards to elude crashing tackles, he also has the built-in stamina to carry him through our long programme in all sorts of conditions.

Ossie is not afraid to go into the



penalty-box, where defenders must beware of mistimed tackles which can become fouls.

Although the voting will be close, I tip Kenny as the favourite to receive one of the most coveted personal accolades in the game.

For my Young Player of the Year I debated between another Spurs' player, Glenn Hoddle, and Manchester United's 'keeper Gary Bailey.

Finally I plumped for Gary, who has established himself so swiftly in the side that has surprised me by sustaining its bid for the title. A lot of the credit must go to Gary.

A safe pair of hands behind them in goal gives outfield players the confidence to be more adventurous.

My First Division "select" side, in 4-4-2 formation, lines up like this: Peter Shilton; Viv Anderson, Dave Watson, David O'Leary, Kenny Sansom; Liam Brady, Osvaldo Ardiles, Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell; Garry Birtles and Trevor Francis.

A team I'm certain could hold its own against any of the other "selects" — including those with Liverpool players!

*Ray Kenner*

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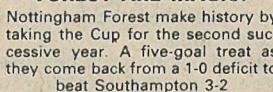


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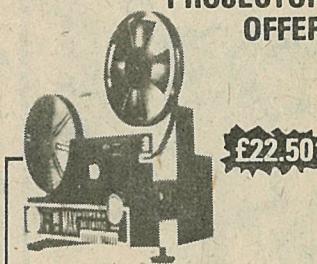
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# BUCKLEY NOW A HIT AT ROKER



IT'S been a long, hard road for Sunderland midfield man Mick Buckley. But the former Everton star is finally accomplishing the sort of form he regularly showed in more than 120 appearances for the Goodison Park side.

It has taken a year since his £70,000 transfer to Sunderland, one of the last acts of Jimmy Adamson before he left to become manager at Leeds United.

Adamson was a great admirer of Buckley's qualities — bravery, a keen football brain and, above all, the willingness to give 100 per cent effort.

## Rivals

It was this last factor which showed through in TV close-ups during the national five-a-side Championships from Wembley when Buckley led a young Sunderland side to the coveted trophy, beating old rivals Newcastle along the way.

It was a performance which impressed watching Roker Park fans, who have had only limited opportunities to judge the Manchester-born player, whose younger brother Gary is on Manchester City's books.

"The main problem is that I've had a lot of injuries since arriving at Sunderland," says Buckley. "I broke

my jaw soon after signing and have missed a large part of this season with an ankle injury.

"Now I've overcome those problems, I'm producing the sort of form I showed at Everton. It's up to me to keep it up — and steer clear of injuries."

One theory about his return to form is that the absence of Mick Docherty, forced to quit the game because of a knee injury, has given Buckley extra responsibility — something he thrives on. But 25-year-old "Buck" doesn't go along with that suggestion.

"One reason is that I've finally settled down. I was amazed how long it took because I always believed a good player should be able to settle anywhere immediately.

"I'm also a lot happier about playing in the centre of the midfield. It's my best position and gives me the freedom to roam around. Previously, I was playing on the right and didn't get involved as much as I should."

Buckley is pleased that he's winning over the Roker Park fans. They're rated among the best in the country for the way they turn up in their thousands to support the Second Division side.

But, as a number of players have discovered in recent years, they can be cruel in their treatment of new

signings, particularly those who replace local lads in the first team.

Mick Docherty eventually won them over, but ex-Burnley colleagues Colin Waldron and Doug Collins never did. And, at the moment, ex-England international Steve Whitworth is a target for a section of the Roker Park boo-boys, although he's highly rated by his manager and team-mates.

Says Buckley: "I could feel the pressure when I first came and could sense they were waiting to give their verdict. I like to think I've come through that period."

## Honours

Now, a player who has appeared in an F.A. Cup Semi-Final and picked up England Under-23 caps, looks ahead for more honours.

"I've been told about the scenes when Sunderland last won promotion and they sound incredible," he said. "I hoped they would be repeated last season, but we narrowly missed out.

"It's up to us to make sure this time. We haven't set the Second Division alight so far because of our poor away form, but I think we've turned the corner.

"Over the past few games we have started to play the way we know we can and although it's very tight at the top, we have the players capable of securing a place in the First Division for next season."

# MOSS GATHERING GOALS

PSWICH Town manager Bobby Robson recently said he thought wingers were a dying breed.

If that's the case, then one who can also score goals has got to be worth his weight in gold.

Luton Town manager David Pleat, certainly wouldn't argue with that. He happens to have such a player in David Moss.

Moss has been in truly sparkling form this season, and his goals have played a major part in Luton's bid for promotion.

"Obviously I'm delighted to be hitting the back of the net with such regularity myself," David said recently. "But you know, I'm equally happy when I'm creating chances for other people."

"I don't just see myself as a goalscorer. I want people to know that I can play on the flank, too."

## Deadliness

"I'm a maker and a taker. Someone who's got more than one string to his bow."

Nevertheless, it's been David's deadliness in front of goal that's brought him most attention this season... especially from opposing defenders.

"I don't mind picking up one or two bumps on the way. After all, hard tackles, so long as they're fair, are all part of the game. And besides while opponents are giving me extra attention, they're leaving room for my team-mates."

Moss freely admits that right now he's enjoying his football more than he has ever done over the past four years.

"I kicked-off the season in the right frame of mind, was lucky enough to score a couple of early

goals, which in turn gave me, and the whole team confidence. And we've just gone on from there."

Last season, after his transfer from Swindon, for what now seems a bargain £100,000, David sustained a pelvic strain which kept him out of the game for ten weeks.

"That was a very worrying time for me," he reflected. "I didn't want to have an operation. I preferred the trouble to clear up naturally. But that meant being out of action for quite a while."

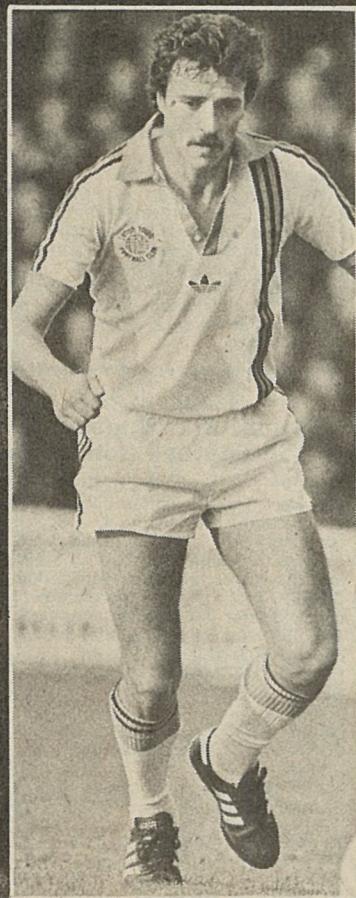
"During that time the team went through a really sticky patch, and relegation looked a distinct possibility."

"I felt particularly frustrated, sitting on the sidelines, because Stoke, who had been in for me when I was on offer at Swindon, were racing towards the First Division, while Luton, the team I had eventually decided to join, were nose-diving towards the Third."

"I suppose it was the thought of playing Third Division football again that forced me back into action before I was really ready."

"I'd been terribly unhappy playing in that grade of football with Swindon, and I was determined to do everything I could to make sure I didn't sample it again."

"Anyway, I came back for a few games, was lucky enough to score a couple of goals which, in the event proved vital, and in the end we managed to avoid the big drop by a couple of points."



The big question now is, can The Hatters maintain the pace they've set, and secure one of those coveted top three places at the end of the season?

"I'm certain we can," said David confidently. "I've seen all of our main rivals, and quite honestly, I don't think we've got anything to fear."

"The one big question mark is probably over our relatively small squad. But if we can manage to steer clear of too many injuries, then next season I hope I can realise my ambition to play in the First Division."

## 'Skill'

"I'm sure we wouldn't be out of our depth in that class of football, either, because we've got skill running right through the side."

"Our defenders, for instance, prefer to play themselves out of trouble."

"Through sheer skill we've been able to quickly turn defence into attack, and nip away and score."

On a personal front, despite the fact he's riding high, David is confident he can improve even more.

"We get quite a bit of free time here. But purely from a personal point of view, I don't like taking more than one day off a week."

"The rest of the time I go back for extra work. I know for a fact my defensive play has improved, but my heading ability is something I know I need to work on. But really I'm looking to polish up all round."

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The Spartans reached the last eight of the equivalent of the F.A. Cup with a 4-2 win at Plymouth — and chipped in £4 each out of their own pockets to defray the cost of a mini-coach for the 800-mile round trip.

Who are the Spartans? The top girls' team in the North-East! In their search for a higher standard of football, they compete each week in the Nottinghamshire Ladies League. The nearest away game for this ambitious team is Doncaster.

It has been a bleak season for Bristol Rovers but the promising form of several young reserves has helped lift the gloom.

Despite losing 1-6 to Norwich City the youthful Rovers side impressed City's reserve team manager Mel Machin: "Much of their play gave me the impression they could have a number of first class players coming through in a couple of years."

"Because of their average age, they did not have the experience to cope when we started to click, but many of their individuals had a natural talent of true footballers who have every chance of maturing to a high level," he predicted.

• Dumbarton have opened a new 300-seat stand. It's part of the £200,000 face-lift at Boghead.

Berwick Rangers are also to provide seating in the covered enclosure at Shielfield Park.

## 'DIRTY' BARNESLEY



• BARNESLEY manager Allan Clarke took his first team squad down Wooley Colliery near Barnsley to show them how hard some of their supporters work.

Included in the three hour visit was first team coach Barry Murphy and midfield teenager Dave Speedie, who were both miners before becoming professional footballers.

• Oddest booking this season must surely be that of George Fairley, the Whitburn defender. In a Scottish Junior game against Linlithgow Rose, he was booked for throwing a snowball at a Rose player. Jim Harkins slide-tackled Fairley into a bank of snow. After brushing himself down, Fairley made a snowball and threw it at Harkins, only to get the yellow card.

#### Result of the Shoot Encyclopedia of British Football Competition

TWELVE Encyclopedia's of British Football were the prizes offered in our super competition, held in the 22 December issue of SHOOT. We asked you to answer three questions about football, and the correct answers were 1-B, 2-A, 3-B&F. The first 12 correct entries checked after the closing date were: FRASER BAILEY, Thorncleiffe, Staffs. ALAN BIRD, Abingdon, Oxon. SIMON CHAPMAN, Gedling, Notts. SEAN FROST, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. NEIL D. KITCHEN, Preston, Lancashire. JOHN MORLEY, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. MARK NASSAU, Middlesbrough. ELAINE NEWTON, North Shields, Tyne & Wear. ALLAN NOBLE, Halifax, West Yorkshire. MARTIN SHANNON, Pitlochry, Perth. MICHAEL TAYLOR, Batley, West Yorks. HEATHER WORSFOLD, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

## Another Chapman

THE next son of a footballing father to hit the headlines could be 19-year-old Lee Chapman, the Stoke City striker, whose dad, Roy, played for Aston Villa, Lincoln, Mansfield and Port Vale.

Stoke manager Alan Durban says: "Lee came to us a mature schoolboy. Last year he could run a lot, but not score. This season, including reserve games, he's averaged a goal every other game. He's improving every month now. Lee has ousted Brendan O'Callaghan by simply scoring more goals."

Father Roy knew a thing or two about goalscoring, having netted over 200 goals in his 17-year career. He says: "I'd like to see a little more determination in Lee's play. Still, this will come with experience. He's very fast and has a good eye for goal."

The Potters need a few more Chapman goals to preserve their First Division status.

## NEWS

Compiled by  
**BILL DAY**

## DESK

## LEEDS WARN HOOLIGANS

LEEDS UNITED's supporters have received a stiff warning about their behaviour at home matches.

The Elland Road club have issued leaflets warning that the Kop end of the ground will be closed if objects are thrown on to the pitch.

The club have taken action because a "small minority" of hooligans have disrupted games this season.

The warning leaflet says: "Unfortunately due to a small minority amongst you we are compelled to take the following action

in an effort to stop objects from being thrown at matches.

"Should any object whatsoever be found on the pitch at a match we shall automatically close the Kop for the following game. NO PERSON WILL BE ADMITTED TO THIS SECTION OF THE GROUND."

"If the lesson has not been learned then in the event of a repeat the Kop will be closed for the following TWO games and so on until normality is restored."

"This action is regrettable but necessary."

"The future of the Kop is now in your hands."



# SECOND DIVISION POOR, CLAIMS BONDS

THE SECOND DIVISION is very poor, with little quality and nothing to choose between half a dozen teams! That's the verdict of West Ham captain Billy Bonds the man leading Hammers drive to regain their cherished First Division place by the end of the season.

Bonds says: "We've been in this Division two years now and we know the quality is not that high. Towards the end of January, we played four home games and took seven points without playing well."

"The sides are more or less the same; there is no outstanding team. It's so tight at the top that you could perm any three from about eight and any of them could clinch promotion. It's the one that is just consistent in the run-in, that will go up — no one needs do more than that."

"That is where we have fallen down. We have had some good results and then gone away and lost vital games, like the ones at Charlton and Shrewsbury."

Bonds believes both North-East teams, Newcastle and Sunderland, will be involved at the finish. And West Ham's chances?

"We've got it all to do," he says. "We're very much one of the fringe sides and we have to win the games in hand, to catch up. Sides like Luton and Leicester might be considered less fashionable than Newcastle, West Ham and Sunderland but they're the most likely to be promoted at this stage, because they've got the points in the bag. Q.P.R. and ourselves have some lost ground to make up."

HARTLEPOOL reckon they have a winner in Alan Sweeney — the full-back they found at a wedding.

Sweeney is a former Huddersfield footballer who once quit the Yorkshire side to play in local non-League football.

Hartlepool boss Billy Horner persuaded him to try a comeback when he met him at a wedding.

## FACTastic

NEWLY appointed Northern Ireland supremo Billy Bingham is a record breaker as a player manager.

One-time wing-ace Bingham totalled a then record 56 Irish appearances (shared with Danny Blanchflower), including 43 in succession — another record! — in his own playing career, and is still his country's most-capped forward. He also scored Northern Ireland's first-ever World Cup goal against foreign opposition, in a 1-1 Lisbon draw with Portugal, in 1957.

## Poaching

MIDDLESBROUGH coach Jimmy Greenhalgh returned to Ayresome Park after being appointed chief scout at Sunderland. His first "signing" was Middlesbrough coach Jack Watson as his assistant at Roker Park. Middlesbrough were sorry to lose Watson. He had played an important role behind the scenes.

★ Everton have joined Merseyside rivals Liverpool in the hunt for talented Ballymena United midfielder Tony McCall, rated one of the top prospects in Irish soccer.

At 17, the scintillating starlet, a Northern Ireland Youth international, is already an established first teamer at Ballymena, and, if his impressive senior displays this term are anything to go by, young Tony looks set for a stardom-bound career.

## Transfers

Leigh Barnard, Portsmouth to Lincoln. Alan Biley, Cambridge U. to Derby. Stan Bowles, Q.P.R. to Nottm. F. Frank Carrodus, Aston Villa to Wrexham. Billy Casper, Derby to Tulsa Roughnecks. Paul Clark, Brighton to Portsmouth. Graeme Crawford, Scunthorpe to York. Peter Davidson, Q.P.R. to Berwick. Graham Horn, Southend to Aldershot. Ross Jack, Everton to Norwich. Nicolai Jovanovic, Red Star to Man. Utd. Ryzard Kowenicki, Poland to Oldham. Colin Lee, Spurs to Chelsea. Gary Lowe, C. Palace to Man. City. Teddy Maybank, Brighton to Fulham. Billy McGhie, Leeds to York. Colin Morris, Southend to Blackpool. John Neehan, York to Scunthorpe. Peter Noble, Burnley to Blackpool. Kevin O'Callaghan, Millwall to Ipswich. Martin Patching, Wolves to Watford. Brian Pollard, Watford to Mansfield. Malcolm Poskett, Brighton to Watford. Andy Rankin, Watford to Huddersfield. Derek Richardson, Q.P.R. to Sheff. Utd. Joe Scott, Bournemouth to Yeovil. Mick Smith, Lincoln C. to Wimbledon. Derek Spence, Blackpool to Southend. Trevor Thompson, Newport to Lincoln. Steve White, Bristol R. to Luton. Brian Wilson, Blackpool to Torquay. Ken Houghton sacked as Hull C. manager; replaced by ex-Wales manager Mike Smith. Bobby Campbell sacked as Bristol R. manager; replaced by Harold Jarman.



## Newman admits mistake

DERBY COUNTY'S assistant-manager, John Newman, regrets the last decision he made when he was in charge at Grimsby Town — the sale of striker Terry Donovan (above) to Aston Villa for £75,000 last July.

"I wish I had known I would be joining Derby," says Newman. "We desperately needed a goalscorer of Terry's calibre. Villa got all their home-work right when they signed him."

Terry, the 21-year-old son of former Everton skipper Don Donovan, followed in his father's international footsteps when making his Eire debut against Czechoslovakia last September.

He was Villa's top reserve scorer, with 11 goals in 18 games, when he stepped up to score on his League debut against Coventry in December.

## BRIEFLY...

● Former Manchester United youth player Philip Fay has joined Galway Rovers. Fay, who was also on the books of Anderlecht, has recently returned from Australia where he played for Adelaide.

● Derek Hampton, a left-sided mid-fielder or attacker who joined Hartlepool earlier this season, will always be grateful to coach Willie Maddren, the former Middlesbrough and England Under-23 defender.

Maddren, who retired from professional football last year because of injury, went to Whitby Town as coach and liked the look of the 27-year-old Hampton. "Willie pushed me to sign professional," says Hampton. "I've never regretted it."

● Consistent Bangor full-back Stephen Feeney, younger brother of prolific Linfield goalscorer Warren Feeney, has gone full-time professional with North American League outfit California Surfs.

● Burnley appear to have unearthed a really versatile youngster in 18-year-old Brian Laws, who signed professional for them last October.

Now equally at home at full-back or in midfield he has had experience in goal at school level and for the Burnley Youth team.

● For every goal scored by the England team in the European Championship Finals this summer, Schick Super 11 Plus razors will give £1,000 to charity.

The money will go to the Royal Variety Club of Great Britain and will be used to buy a 12-seater Sunshine coach for handicapped or underprivileged children.

● Southern League Tonbridge's last goal on their Angel Ground was scored appropriately by striker Micky Angel. The pitch is to be used for a supermarket and the club have moved to a new ground in the Kent town.



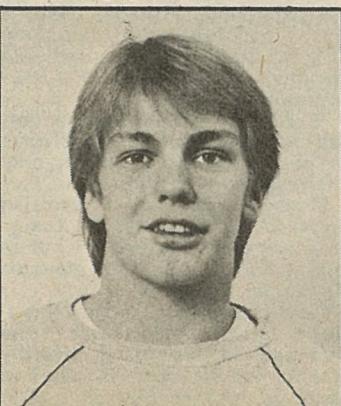
## Arsenal's crooning defender

THE songs from Arsenal's North Bank are many and varied — and The Gunners are not short of vocal talent on the pitch either.

Eire international full-back John Devine (above) who made a dozen first team appearances around Christmas and the New Year, is a guitar and banjo player. The 21-year-old Irishman, born in Dublin, had a surprise when a recording company asked him to cut a single.

"It surprised me as much as anyone but I've been delighted to become involved in that side of life," says Devine. "I went to classical guitar lessons for three years but have been playing both instruments for some time."

The company wrote a special song for Devine, titled "Morning after the Night Before". But Devine is quick to add: "It's got nothing to do with booze, even though I'm an Irishman!"





# CANNONBALL STEWART

**R**AY Stewart was hardly a household name when West Ham splashed out over £400,000 to sign him from Dundee United last August.

But it's a name on a lot of people's lips now. He has quickly become a firm favourite with Hammers' fans and his ability is recognised throughout the Second Division.

Stewart has provided Upton Park customers with a blast from the past. For his cannonball shooting — especially from the penalty spot — brings memories of World Cup hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst flooding back.

Goalkeepers were always in danger of physical injury when Hurst rifled penalties at them. They now run the same risk facing the lethal power of Stewart.

Like most Scottish footballers, the 20-year-old Stewart always had ambitions of coming South to play in the Football League. But he readily admits he did not expect to get his chance so soon.

West Ham made the bid that counted and Stewart needed little encouragement to sign for them.

"I did not know a lot about the players or staff at West Ham. But their reputation was well known to me," he explained.

"They have always been regarded as a club who stand for all that's good in the game and insist on quality football. And that was good enough for me."

"It did not take me long to confirm that my decision to join them was the right one."

"We have had a few little upsets this season, losing to teams no promotion conscious side should get beaten by. But over the last few weeks things have come together well and I strongly fancy us to fill one of the promotion places."

"I'm not worried about winning the Second Division Championship. It would be nice to do that — but filling one of the top three

places is all that matters.

"The lads who missed out on promotion last season are going all out to make sure there is no such mistake this time and right through the side is a determination that must give us a strong chance of making it."

"One important ingredient we have is flexibility of players — people who can fill in various positions."

"For instance I can play at the back or in midfield and Geoff Pike can operate in midfield or up-front. That is always handy to overcome injuries such as we have had to Trevor Brooking and David Cross."

"We managed to put some good results together with players of their class out of action. So that has to be encouraging."

## 'Work'

"We have also stopped giving silly goals away, as well. Anyone who scores against us now really has to work for it."

"If you ask me to name my favourites for promotion — apart from West Ham of course! — I would have to say Newcastle. They are the team who have impressed me most."

"Watford are a team who have caught my eye, even though they are struggling. Manager Graham Taylor has introduced five new players there recently and has obviously strengthened his side enormously."

"But if we keep playing the football we are capable of we will have no need to worry about anyone. The rest will worry about us."

Stewart has won 7 Scottish Under-21 caps. And the way things are going for him now it will not be long before Jock Stein elevates him to his senior squad.

West Ham boss John Lyall pulled a master stroke when he swooped in his usual stealthy manner for Stewart. No one had heard of him at that time. But things are different now.

# YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

**1**

While play is in progress the home team trainer signals that a substitution is to be made. Can you stop play and allow the substitute to come on to the field?

**2**

A forward shoots at goal, but a defender has no time to avoid the ball. He instinctively protects himself but the ball strikes his hand. Should you: (a) award a penalty or (b) play on?

**3**

A linesman signals the outside-right, who is near the touch line, is offside when the ball is passed to the outside-left. Should you ignore his signal?

**4**

A player miskicks a corner, and the ball rolls a few inches. He then picks it up to take another kick. Should you: (a) award a free-kick for hand ball or (b) have the player retake the kick?

**5**

From a corner-kick the ball goes directly into the goal. Should you: (a) have the kick retaken, (b) award a goal or (c) a goal-kick?

## ANSWERS

1. No. Play must have stopped, and in the Football League you will find the referee or linesman then checking the player's name and also that his studs comply with regulations. 2. Play on (b). It is important that the referee is satisfied that the defending player had no intention to handle the ball, in that case he must continue play. 3. Yes. Have the player retake the kick (b). 5. Award a goal (b).

# 'A BETTER BRIGHTON - NEXT SEASON'

claims ALAN MULLERY

AFTER being made relegation favourites by the bookmakers in the early part of the season, the recent form of newly-promoted Brighton has confirmed manager Alan Mullery's view that they are an average First Division side.

"At times we can be much better than average," Mullery added, "but then in other games, as against Southampton when we were beaten 5-1, we have looked terrible."

"Although we recently signed Neil McNab from Bolton for £200,000, our squad still needs improving because our reserves just don't have the quality to hold their own among the elite."

This has been demonstrated all too clearly this season. At one stage, Brighton were without Mark Lawrenson, because of a broken ankle, and John Gregory,



who was stricken by appendicitis. Then recently, the loss of Peter Ward when he was right back on top form added to Mullery's problems.

"Peter's had a lot of pressure on him in the last three seasons, which is largely due to the fact that nobody at Brighton has seen a player with his qualities come on so quickly before," Mullery continues.

"Being in such a close-knit community hasn't helped him either. He's always been in the public eye and has taken a lot of stick when things have not been going right.

"We had a long chat after his move to Nottingham Forest broke

Peter Ward (right) has shown greatly improved form since a proposed move to Nottingham Forest earlier in the season led to disappointment for the young Brighton striker.



down, and since then he has struck up a tremendous understanding with Ray Clarke."

But Ward's recent injury has highlighted the acute shortage of strikers at the Goldstone Ground. Mullery has already sold Malcolm Poskett and Teddy Maybank, and Ward's injury left him with only 13 fit players to choose from.

Neil McNab will hopefully remedy that situation, and Mullery is expecting great things of the Scottish-born midfield player. But 75 per cent of the Brighton revival is, according to Mullery, directly attributable to the arrival of Peter Sudaby on a free transfer from Blackpool.

"Besides being very well educated, Peter is also a very good pro, which is shown by the way he trains and conducts himself. The one thing he wants to do when he gets on to the field is to win, and his presence at the back has made a tremendous difference."

Two other newcomers at the Goldstone Ground this season have also proved to be real bargain buys — Steve Foster and John Gregory.

"I knew John to be a quality player," Mullery admitted, "but Steve is proving to be a tremendous prospect and at the moment I don't think there is a better centre-half around."

But after completing the first half of the season, Mullery was expressing disappointment about the general standard of First Di-

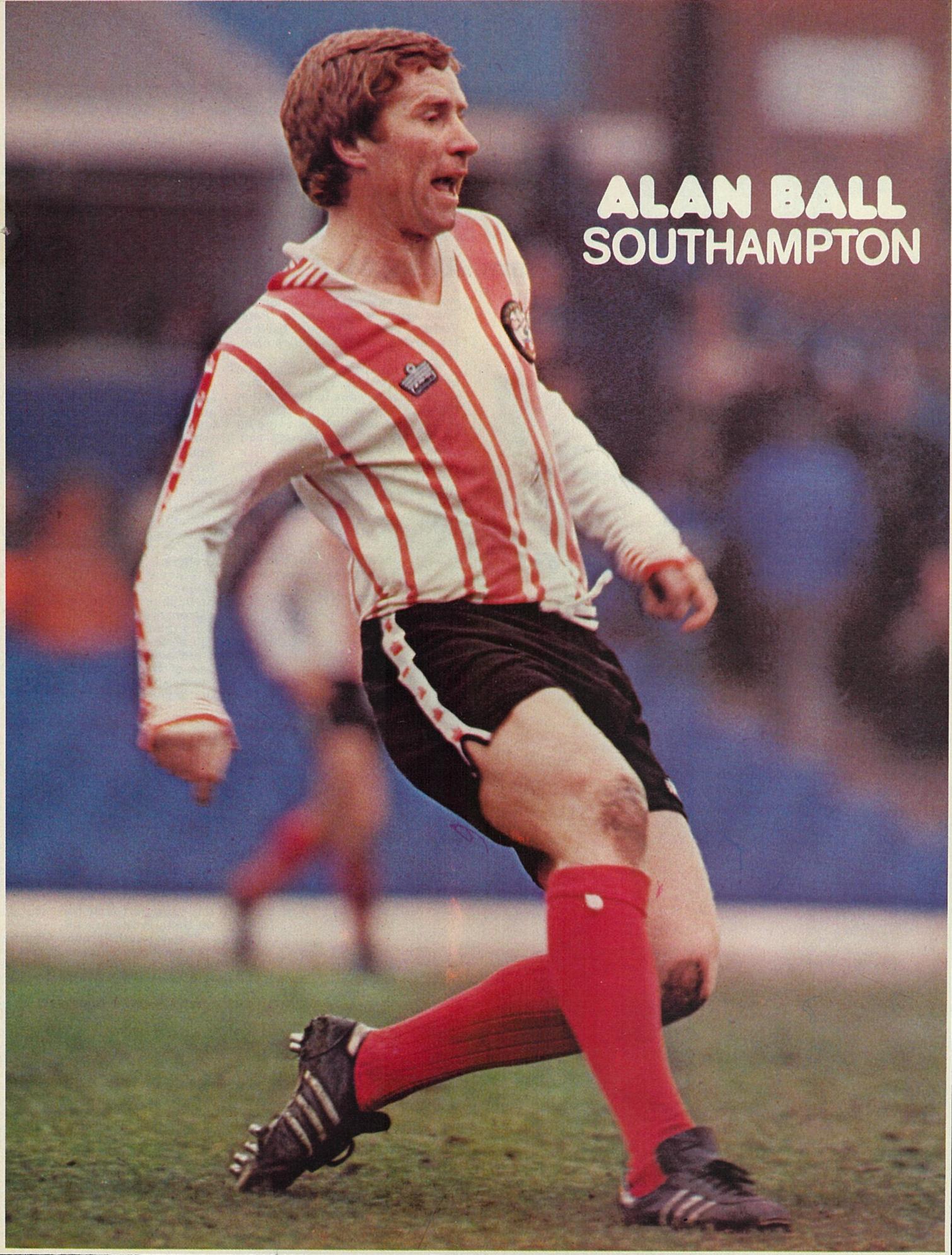
sion football.

"I don't think there's an awful lot of difference between about 16 of the clubs. Take Ipswich for example. When we beat them in September they were bottom of the table, but now they are right up there in the top six."

"Obviously Liverpool, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and Arsenal stand out, and I was also impressed with Southampton and Spurs."

"But when I was playing ten years ago there were a lot more quality players and the games were certainly a lot tougher. Twice this season we've been in situations where we've created a number of chances and lost, which would never have happened in my day."

"However," Mullery concluded, "I'm reasonably satisfied with the way things have been going for Brighton when you consider this is our first season in Division One. I'm confident that not only will we still be a First Division club next season but you can look forward to seeing a better, brighter Brighton."



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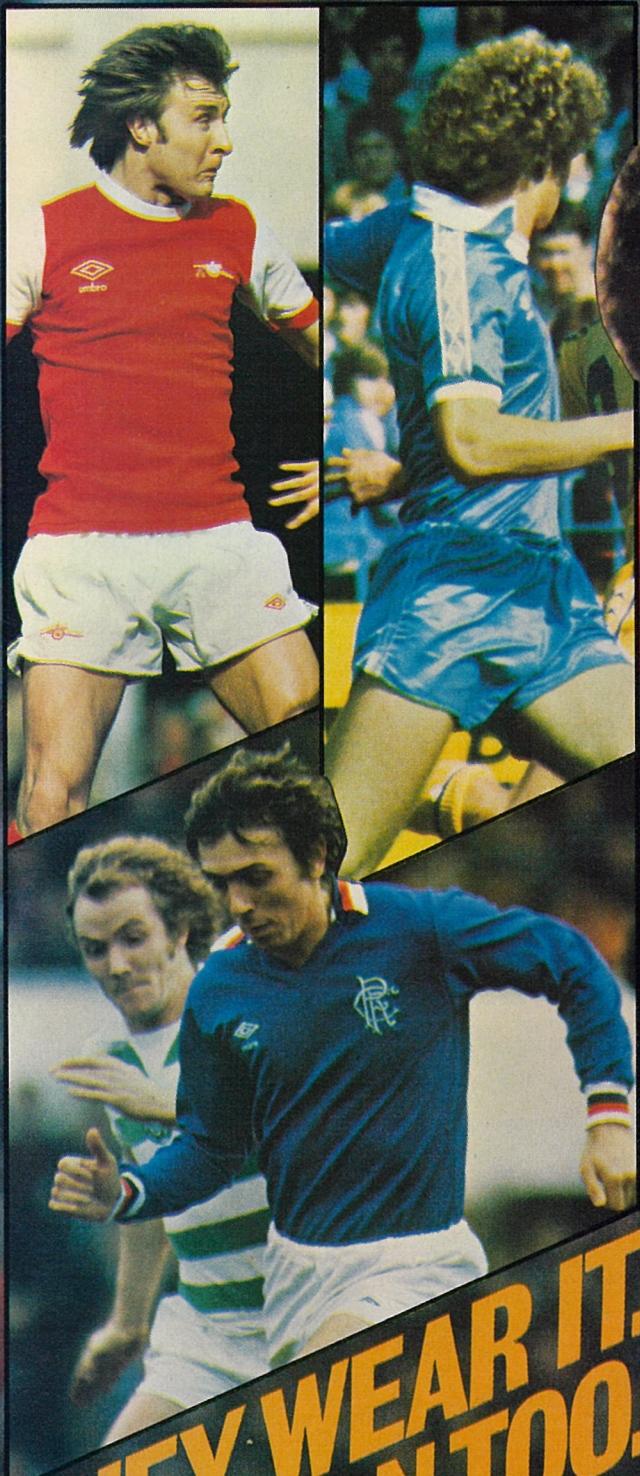
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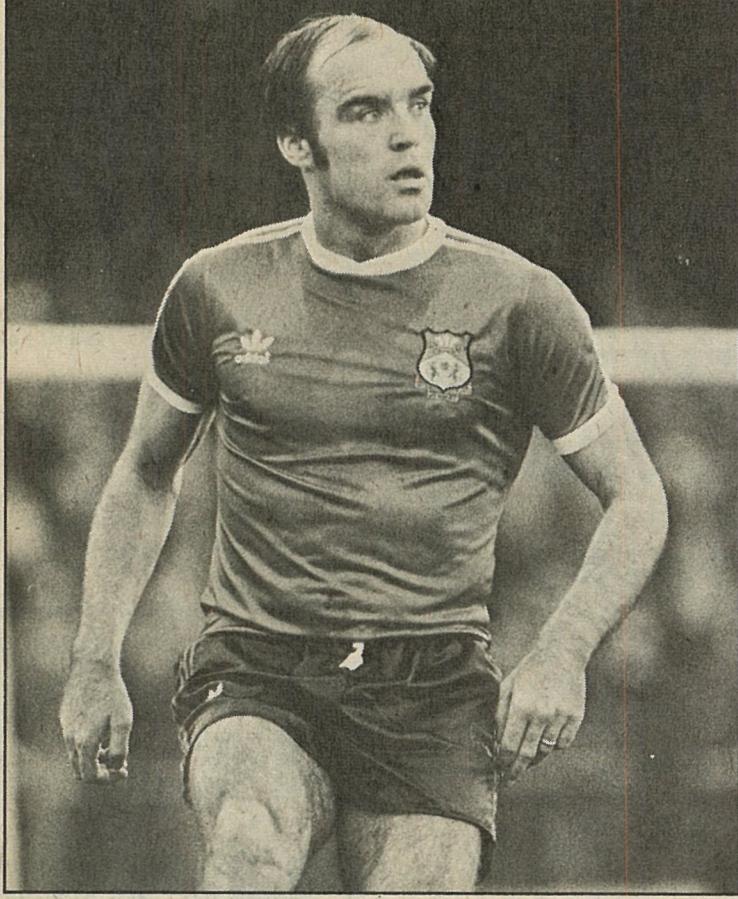


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## TERRY DARRACOTT Wrexham's ace joker

SOCER in America has an appeal that most players find tempting. The American scene, with all its ballyhoo and sparkle, is a world away from the tough competitiveness of the British game.

Fans want to be entertained, and they appreciate a flamboyant character or a thrilling shoot-out as much as an assist or a good goal.

Professionals who go to the States expecting it to be different are in for a big shock — as Wrexham's Terry Darracott quickly found out.

Darracott, who had 13 years with Everton before joining Tulsa Roughnecks admits: "Their game isn't real."

"They made me very welcome, and I enjoyed it for a time, but I couldn't come to terms with just playing for fun."

For Darracott, a reliable if unspectacular full-back, remains a competitor — and committed to winning.

"The game in the States will come good," he says. "But not until they make a lot of changes."

"At present, it's tailor-made for the Marshs, Tuearts and Bests of this world. They couldn't come up with the competitiveness that I wanted."

Darracott led the Roughnecks to the North American League play-offs for the first time. And he had no complaints about the club, or the way they looked after his family.

"They were fabulous," he says. "My wife Sue loved the place. She certainly had no worries about moving to America.

"But within six weeks I knew I would have to get out. I had a word with our manager, the former Derby County winger Alan Hinton, who understood."

Darracott stayed to see the first 12 months of a three year contract out. At the end of the American season Tulsa gave him a week to find a new club, or told him to join an arduous European tour.

### Persuading

Wrexham were quickly making enquiries, and manager Arfon Griffiths did not have to do much persuading to get his man.

"I'm a great believer in first impressions," says Darracott. "I fell in love with Wrexham."

"I signed a three year contract, and intend to see it through. Then maybe I'll think about management or coaching."

In the meantime the likeable Scouse defender is dedicated to Wrexham's promotion cause.

And manager Griffiths knows his bargain £25,000 signing can offer more than experience.

He's a bundle of fun — a laugh a minute character who's handy to have around any dressing room.

Wrexham's other funny man, the former Liverpool full-back Joey Jones, has suddenly found himself part of a unique double-act!

JOHN McMaster is fast gaining a reputation for having the ability to play in almost any position in Aberdeen's line-up.

Over the past three seasons the player has moved around from position to position and it probably wouldn't surprise the Pittodrie faithful if he lined up in goal one week.

His latest switch has been to left-back where Aberdeen have struggled since the start of the season. Doug Rougvie had a spell there, but didn't make a lot of impact. Then Doug Considine was given his opportunity but, like Rougvie, he seems more suited to the centre-back role and he, too, was soon out of the side.

Manager Alex Ferguson was urged to splash out to strengthen the position, but instead he took a look at the remarkably talented McMaster and decided to take a gamble on him.

McMaster, who had been play-



# JOHN McMASTER *of all positions*

ing in an attacking midfield role, made the transition with complete ease.

"Yes, I suppose I have moved around quite a bit," says the likeable, fair haired McMaster. "I don't mind though. Let's face it, there are so many good players at Aberdeen that I am just happy to be given a first team role."

"It's a pity football is an 11-a-side game. Aberdeen could field 20 top class players on the one day. I wonder how many other teams can say that. Not many I bet."

### Ability

McMaster's ability to be able to switch from role to role was utilised by his former manager Billy McNeill after he had sold Arthur Graham to Leeds United.

McNeill wanted to keep an aggressive, pacey player on the left-wing and not upset the balance of the side. At the time McMaster was coming and dropping out of midfield positions.

McNeill gave him the number 11 jersey and was delighted with the results.

"I went through a stage where I could hardly do anything wrong," says McMaster. "I scored a fair amount of goals, but, unfortunately, my form eventually faded a bit."

McNeill moved into the transfer market to sign a natural outside-left in the shape of Ian Scanlon from Notts County and McMaster was soon looking for a new role.

When Aberdeen reached the Scottish Cup Final to face Rangers three seasons ago McMaster a left-footed player, was given a posi-

tion . . . on the right hand side of midfield.

It was an unusual tactic by McNeill, but McMaster revelled in it. He was getting into good shooting positions, cutting inside and letting go with his left foot.

It took defences quite a while to realise that this player who wore the number four shirt was, in fact, as left-footed as Malcolm MacDonald, the former England and Arsenal superstar.

However, McMaster underwent another new role when McNeill left for Parkhead and the ambitious and knowledgeable Alex Ferguson moved into the Pittodrie hot seat.

Alex McLeish, the Scottish Under-21 star, signed by The Dons as a centre-back, was given a chance by Fergie to become the midfield anchor man and the player was outstanding. McMaster, as he might have expected, was then switched to the left-side of the midfield.

Now comes yet another new position at left-back. He says: "It's interesting playing in the back-four with play coming towards you all the time. Mind you, I like nothing better than to get up that wing and help my forwards. You could call me an attacking left-back or a defensive winger!"

Will he ever play in goal? McMaster says: "If there was a crisis Steve Archibald would go between the sticks, and happy to stay. I don't really see myself as a goalkeeper anyway. Steve is a brilliant keeper."

One versatile star applauding another versatile star . . . that's football in the 80's we suppose!

# PUZZLE TIME

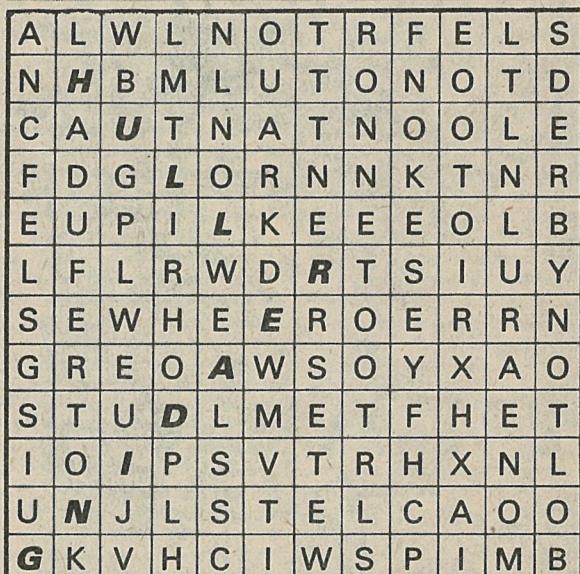
## WHEN BIG TEAMS MEET

These men are not the managers, but the anagrams of two English League sides merged together. Unscramble the letters to identify all 20 of them. As a guide, the first pair is named for you.

1	IAN GRELLHUD	HULL & READING
2	ROY HAWKSTEM	
3	BARRY LAUNSE	
4	KEITH COWSIPS	
5	BERT BLONDOY	
6	FRED SOXDOLE	
7	GIANT ONWIRE	
8	LEN SLOWVOUT	
9	HAL CREEFWUM	
10	PETER RUSSEX	

## SCOUT AROUND . . .

and find all the 20 teams of the above puzzle hidden in this frame. They are spelt out in straight lines, horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. As a guide, that first pair is indicated.



## BUILD BOYS INTO TEAM

Each time, alter just one letter from the previous word. For example, 'chief' becomes 'boss'. Eventually, you should have changed boys into team.

1 Chief	9 Permit
2 Defeat	10 Gone
3 Minus	11 Nuisance
4 Girl	12 Trial
5 Endure	13 Shelter
6 Quick	14 On baby's
7 Post	15 Drinks
8 Lump	16 Success!

	BOYS	8	
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 46

ONE OF the sensations of the season just has to be the incredible change of fortune for Ipswich Town.

On Saturday, October 20th, 1979, Manchester United beat them 1-0 at Old Trafford to send them to the bottom of the First Division.

Exposed at the back, weak up front, Ipswich had mustered just seven points from 12 games and looked dead certs for relegation.

East Anglia buzzed with rumours of Bobby Robson's departure, although an earlier proposed move

form and suffering from loss of confidence. Injuries to several other key men hardly helped the situation at the time.

Bobby Robson didn't panic, and rush into the transfer market. He knew he would have a near impossible job of replacing players already on his staff.

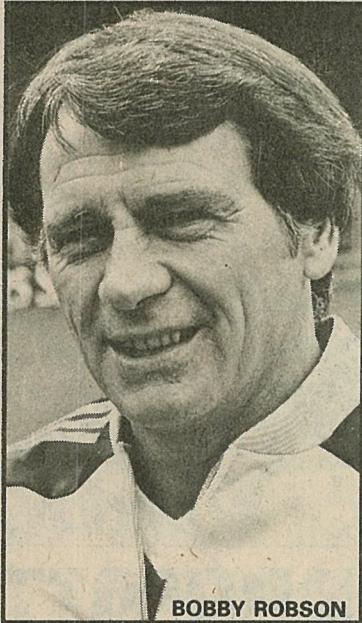
He kept faith with the present squad trusting they would recapture the sort of form that almost won Ipswich the title a couple of years ago.

Ipswich have one of the strongest squads in the country — and one of the most talented.

Apparently Bobby Robson filmed matches and played them back, pointing out where his players were going wrong. They soon got the message.

United video tape games which aren't televised. They are played constantly in the canteen so players can watch while having a break during training.

It's easy to see where goals are



BOBBY ROBSON



## 'HOW IPSWICH BEAT THEIR CRISIS'

to Spanish club Athletic Bilbao had fallen through.

Life for the 1978 F.A. Cup holders was definitely bleak. They were in a crisis situation.

Then on the second Saturday in December, Town walloped Manchester City 4-0 at Portman Road. It proved to be the turning point.

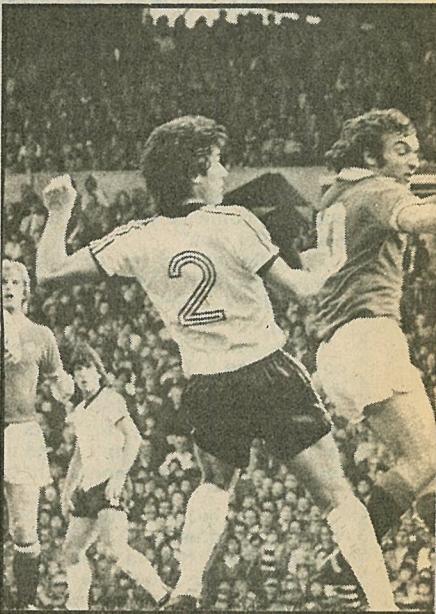
West Brom were humbled by the same score. Tottenham were beaten 3-1. Bristol City hammered 3-0 at Ashton Gate.

The transformation was dramatic, but it wasn't achieved by Bobby Robson waving a magic wand.

The main reason Ipswich overcame their bad spell was quite simple . . . the club is stable and has top class players.

Teams with too many sub-standard players not performing well never recover from an early set-back.

At the beginning of the season, stars such as Paul Mariner, Arnie Muhran and John Wark were off





Paul Mariner (above) now back to his England form. United (dark shirts) beat Ipswich 1-0 at Old Trafford earlier this season.

conceded, especially at free-kicks and spot mistakes.

Overall, it's difficult to judge which people are making runs because the camera sticks with the ball, but it certainly does help players to assess individual performances.

What I would like is a video tape of Paul Mariner, to help me spot any weaknesses in his play.

For me P.M. — as he's known in the game — is one of the best strikers around and would do well in the present England set-up. Like Dave Johnson, he must be due for a recall.

Paul has excellent control and is good in the air. He's cheeky, confident and generally gives me a hard time.

In fact, P.M. brings out the best in me because I have to concentrate every minute and watch him like a hawk.

Paul's a chirpy, fun-loving character off the park, but doesn't have

much to say during a game.

I'm the same. I make it a rule never to talk during a match. I don't even say hello to an opponent, even if he's a mate.

These pleasantries can destroy concentration and you can't afford that in this League.

Ipswich's remarkable recovery is also due to a return to form of their two Dutch midfield dynamo Frans Thijssen and Arnie Muhren.

Thijssen's style reminds me of Johan Cruyff. The way he shields a ball turns and beats his man is reminiscent of his more famous countryman.

He played for Holland recently and is likely to line-up against England and his club skipper Mick Mills in Italy during the European Championship this June.

I've also been impressed with young Alan Brazil. Like Andy King of Everton his goals are usually spectacular efforts. He rarely scores from close-range.

Alan has a tremendous future in the game and is already a key figure in the Scotland Under-21 side.

Two Scots rapidly establishing themselves as regular internationals in the full team are full-back George Burley and midfielder John Wark.

Burley, all class and composure, is one of the finest defenders in the country.

Wark is strong and will fight for every ball. A real competitor.

Little Eric Gates has made tremendous progress this season. I understand he was on his way to Brighton at one stage, but decided to stay at Ipswich and fight for his place.

Ipswich have two great central defenders in Russell Osman and Terry Butcher . . . and in Mick Mills one of the game's finest captains.

Mick is a real inspiration and like Martin Peters, Alan Ball and Paul Madeley seems to improve with age. Few players have maintained such a high level of consistency.

It's a shame Kevin Beattie still appears plagued with injury problems. A few seasons ago I thought he was going to become one of Britain's finest ever players.

Kevin played for the first team recently in place of injured Mick Mills, but at the time of writing he was back in the reserves regaining fitness and form.

## Population

Because of the geography of the club, and population of the town, I suppose Ipswich will never really lose that "country cousins" tag.

That part of East Anglia is no Merseyside, Manchester or Birmingham, areas steeped in soccer tradition and history.

Although Ipswich have achieved success and played regularly in Europe, they've not yet realised their potential.

Perhaps they are now poised to repeat their F.A. Cup triumph of 1978. I hope so because real success for a club and manager who preach all the good aspects of the game would benefit football in general.

Mind you, United will be doing their best to upset Ipswich's present upward trend when we visit them on Saturday (March 1st).

The playing surface at Portman Road is the finest in the League so I always enjoy my games there.

But I haven't been associated with much success in past encounters. Even during my Leeds days, when we were going well, I can't recall us coming away with a comfortable win.

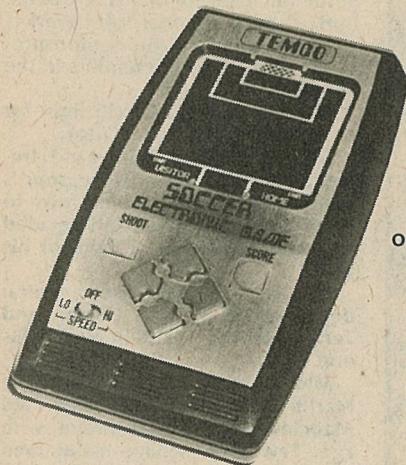
Last season Town beat United 3-0 with goals from Paul Mariner (2) and Brian Talbot, who is now with Arsenal, of course.

Perhaps Saturday will see a change of fortune for United. I hope so. Personally I'll be delighted with a point.



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WHAT I THINK ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITIES NEEDED BY A TOP PLAYER



**A**FTER a glittering career at Leeds, followed by a short spell in Toronto, Peter Lorimer is currently turning it on for Fourth Division York City.

"Team boss Charlie Wright, who I've known for a long time, asked me if I would help out," explained the former Scottish international hot shot. "I said it would keep me in trim, and that's how I arrived at Bootham Crescent."

"I'm finding it very interesting. You see some good young players coming through and I'm enjoying the experience. Obviously, life isn't as glamorous as the First Division, but at York they try to do everything in style. The players are looked after and the club does its best with the resources available."

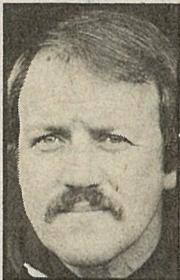
"When you're playing in the First against another top grade team, it's a hard contest, but it is no different in the Fourth. The

dedicated. He works all hours like these Fourth Division chiefs have to. He's got a youth team trainer in Barry Lyons, but at the top he does the lot. There's no assistance in the way of scouting staff. These Fourth Division managers really have to go through the mill. You've got to feel sorry for them at times. They spend five nights a week watching matches, looking at schoolboys, travelling all over the country and they've still got to be at the ground the following morning to train you."

Peter, once a forward, now plays on the right hand side of York's midfield. "I enjoyed my period as a striker," he says, "but most of us drop back into midfield roles when we reach a certain age. There aren't many top sharpshooters who still lead the attack after 32. I find midfield a little easier. You're facing the play and you've not got

## HOTSHOT LORIMER STILL ON TARGET

Right... York City manager Charlie Wright persuaded former Leeds United striker Peter Lorimer (left) to join his club.



your back to goal all the time." Peter has notched more than 200 goals in around 600 appearances. During his stay at Leeds he won every domestic honour going and was capped for Scotland 21 times.

There are many magic moments for Peter to choose from. There was his debut at 15 against Southampton in 1962, and scoring his 100th goal for the Elland Road club in season 72/73. "I remember that goal," he says. "The trouble is I didn't realise it was so long ago."

"But for me the highlight was when Leeds carried off the centenary F.A. Cup in 1972 beating Arsenal 1-0. It was a great thrill, a fabulous day."

"To be honest, I don't really know what I want to do once my playing days are over. I did have one or two ideas, but since I've been in the Fourth Division and seen some of the young talent, I've probably been swayed. I've enjoyed working with the youngsters. I've seen all aspects of the game and I think I've something to offer."

"I'm tempted to try my hand at management. I'd like to see just how I would fare. All my old pals at Leeds seem to be doing well, so I'd love to have a go."

"Meanwhile, I want to continue playing for as long as I can. When you talk to anybody who has gone into management, even though they are successful, they all say, 'I wish I was still playing'."

standard is obviously not as high, but when you get two teams of equal ability, it's still a hard game.

"I think what you find in the Fourth more than in the higher grades is honest endeavour. There are a lot of young players who are striving to reach the top and they're giving it everything they've got."

Lorimer, 33, born in Dundee, admits to missing the pre-match build up, but says: "Any player will tell you that once the game starts, then there's not a lot of difference. Obviously, when you take the field there isn't the big noise, but once the game gets under way and there are three or four thousand shouting and spurring you on, then you pick up the atmosphere. Manager Charlie Wright is very

## Grimsby's success has surprised George Kerr

FOR three hours last month, Third Division leaders Grimsby Town were without a manager.

George Kerr, the 37-year-old Scot who has done such a fine job for The Mariners this season, walked out as a gesture of defiance after secretary David Dowse had resigned over a pay dispute.

Kerr, who has had long discussions about his own salary, was so incensed at the board's acceptance of Dowse's decision that he tendered his own resignation.

"I was bitterly disappointed because I believe David was one of the best young secretaries in the League, and I think we made a good team," said Kerr.

"Later I realised it was wrong of me to have done that, I went too far in telling the board my feelings, so I apologised and ate humble pie. I indicated to the chairman Dick Middleton that as far as I was concerned I was still manager, and he told me he was pleased.

"When John Newman left for Derby earlier in the season I was given the job, and the club have really taken off."

### Promotion

That success saw the club reach the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup, a lucrative trip to Liverpool in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and now sees Grimsby edging towards promotion.

"Even I did not expect the team to do so well after winning promotion last season. Our League Cup run was tremendous because it aroused the public's interest in the club once again.

"But our main priority has always been the League, and the pleasing thing is the continuing progress."

"I don't think that there's any doubt we are now a better club than we were six months ago. I've proved myself as a manager, and all the players have done likewise.

"The interesting point about it is

Grimsby celebrate a goal against Wolves in their epic League Cup run to the Quarter-Finals. They finally succumbed 2-0 in the second replay.



that the first time, when I was boss at Lincoln, I flopped completely. I'll admit some of it was my fault, but the second time it's gone from strength to strength."

Clearly the highlight of Grimsby's season so far has been that League Cup run, and their F.A. Cup visit to Liverpool.

"Taking a team to Anfield was something special. The police estimated that we had 20,000 supporters there.

"Liverpool was taken completely by surprise by the amount of Grimsby fans there. They say just to see the team running out of that tunnel was the best thing they had ever experienced in their lives. It was one of those occasions."

"The score didn't really matter. To see the team play at Anfield was all they wanted."

"There was crowd trouble at the ground, but the reports that came in from the police en-route between Grimsby and Merseyside speak volumes for the sort of supporters we have. Even the motorway service stations have written to the club saying what a fantastic bunch of people they were. No trouble at all and very good humoured."

"We've worked on the community aspect. We take part in everything that we possibly can. Grimsby Town is a real football club once again with plenty of ambition and drive behind it."



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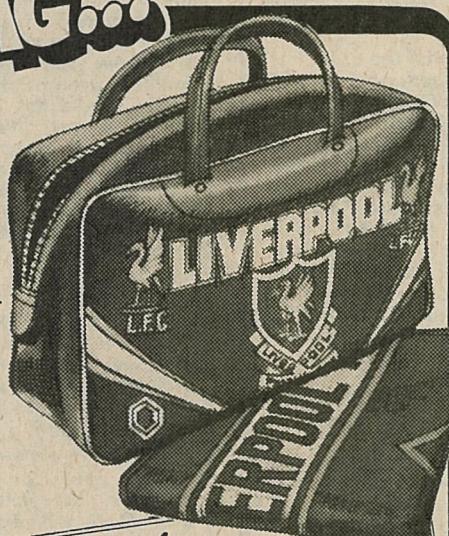
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McDermott blasts home another goal, this time against Middlesbrough at Anfield.



## When Terry McDermott wasn't good enough for Liverpool

**A**S Liverpool stride towards another League Championship, Terry McDermott is having his best season as a goalscorer.

He has already topped last season's best ever total of eight League goals and he can't even believe he scored that many. "I didn't score eight last season did I?" he asks.

His finishing has already earned him £25 from team-mate Graeme Souness. "We had a bet earlier in the season about who would get most goals and I'd already scored three at the time, so I reckoned I was on a pretty sure thing.

"Graeme will do well to score three all season, although one of the strengths of the Liverpool team is that the four midfield players can all score. Myself, Jimmy Case, Ray Kennedy and, to a lesser extent, Graeme.

"I'm getting into more attacking positions than ever before and for a change, I'm putting the ball in the back of the net. In the past, my shots have gone wide or hit the woodwork.

"I reckon I hit a post 15 times last season. I once did it twice in one match but ended up getting a goal so I didn't mind so much."

McDermott is having the time of his life in a team that many believe is the best Liverpool have ever produced.

But it wasn't all that long ago that he was prepared to leave Anfield to try and seek First Division football elsewhere.

Like so many of the Liverpool stars, he had to bide his time in the reserves before being given his chance in the first team.

"I had to wait two years for my breakthrough — the same as Ray Kennedy — and I reckon our new lads like Avi Cohen and Frank McGarvey

may have to wait the same amount of time.

"To be honest, I got so fed up that I was thinking of asking for a move. But when I look back now, the boss was right not to put me in the team. I wasn't good enough."

The squad at Anfield, of course, is frighteningly powerful. That's why the reserves always do so well in the Central League.

"There are so many good players here that you can't afford to miss a match. Last season I played in the first eight matches, during which we only dropped one point.

"Then I was injured for a match at Norwich but I thought I'd be all right for the following week.

### Fierce'

"The team won 4-1 without me and it was eight matches before I started a game again. That's how fierce the competition is.

"I was sick about not getting back but how could Bob Paisley change a team that had won 4-1 away from home?"

Another of the club secrets is that no one at Liverpool is allowed to get too big for his boots.

"When I was at Newcastle, I suppose I was a star. But here, I was just a small fish in a big sea."

David Johnson, another player who had to wait for his chance at Anfield, was ironically the one who took McDermott's place for that Norwich game last season.

Now he, too, is established as one of Liverpool's indispensable first teamers.

McDermott is looking forward to another Championship medal — and another £25 from Souness.

**UNFASHIONABLE** Oldham Athletic are almost everyone's idea of a footballing backwater. Talk to the famous managers and players in Division Two and they'll all tell you promotion is won at places like Oldham.

But what is life like if you happen to play for the Boundary Park club? How do players motivate themselves when they have to live at one of the clubs which almost everyone else in the Division wants to get away from as rapidly as possible?

It's an interesting point. But for Vic Halom, Oldham's much-travelled striker, the attitude of others means little. After spells at Sunderland, Luton, Fulham, Charl-

lodge. To the average football fan, Oldham Athletic has always been linked to the Fourth Division and the decidedly grey areas of the Football League.

"We're only ten miles from Manchester and suffer from having two of the greatest clubs in England on our doorstep. This has meant that we, and the other smaller clubs in the area like Bolton, Preston and Rochdale, have to endure the drawing power of United or City on our home gates. That, in turn, means we have less cash available for improvements and new players."

But Halom points to long-serving manager Jimmy Frizzell as a man who is steadily guiding Old-

## 'OLDHAM AREN'T UNFASHIONABLE' insists Vic Halom



ton and Orient, Halom knows a thing or two about Second Division clubs. So when he angrily refutes suggestions that the Lancashire club are lacking in ambition to improve their status, it is an argument worth listening to.

Halom says: "We ought to be getting the recognition due to us because we're not a side in the footballing doldrums. We are firmly entrenched as a respected Second Division team. On our day we can beat any of the other teams in our Division."

"We've already beaten Newcastle and Sunderland and drawn with Q.P.R. this season, results that prove we are a better than average Second Division side. We just need to find greater consistency before people begin to take notice of us."

"The problem is, our image as a poor relation of the Manchester clubs has proved difficult to dis-

ham Athletic towards a successful future. "The club made a tremendous decision when they appointed Jimmy. He has given the club the incentive to gear themselves to a future in the First Division. And I'm sure he will achieve his goal."

"The old stigma against the name of Oldham still exists in some quarters but thanks to Jimmy, it is disappearing fast. He pulled the club out of the Fourth Division into the Second and we now have a team which can hold its own against any other."

Players like Vic Halom and the former Manchester City players, Ged Keegan and Kenny Clements, have certainly added quality to the workmanlike Oldham squad. But is a future in the First Division really a possibility at Boundary Park?

### 'Ambitions'

"Of course it is," says Halom. "The appointment of England's Bill Taylor as club coach last summer proved our ambitions to gain promotion one day."

"You don't take on people of that calibre if you're content with a mundane existence in Division Two."

"Oldham have made steady progress and that is continuing. With Taylor, we went back to basics in training and now we are doing the simple things — and doing them well. This is certainly a club ready to think about the big time."

"Boundary Park holds around 40,000 and there is a new stand. The support is here, too, to sustain us in the First Division and, being in the North between Manchester and Yorkshire, look at the local sides we would play home and away. Teams like Manchester United, Manchester City, Leeds, Liverpool, Everton and others would mean much more cash for the club and therefore, the money to buy better players."

"I'm convinced Oldham are on the move, and in a forward direction."

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This week's Star Letter comes from Philip Lee of Shipley, West Yorkshire, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

### T.V. IGNORES LOWER CLUBS

★ I HOPED this season might be different but I was sadly wrong. I am talking about the media's attitude (in particular television) towards the Fourth Division. Last season the BBC's Match of the Day programme screened only one Fourth Division game (Portsmouth v. Grimsby).

What the television producers seem to overlook is the fact a lot of good football is played in this Division. More often than not the football is good, fast flowing, end-to-end stuff. It may not be as skilful as the First Division or have the top personalities like Ardiles, Brady, Francis or Hoddle, but for the neutral spectator it generally provides better entertainment.

Let's remember that many of the players who have made the grade in big time football began their careers with Fourth Division clubs. Players like Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence, Steve Coppell and Kenny Hibbert (below) are prime examples.

ITV must also share some of the blame. On November 10th last year the big game in the Yorkshire area was my local side, Bradford City versus Huddersfield Town. Not only was the game a local derby, but had a bearing on the promotion race, with both sides in the top four.

Despite this, Yorkshire Television's Soccer Special programme avoided the game altogether and showed another match from outside the region. To their credit, the

BBC did show two or three minutes of video-taped action from the game on a local news programme.

Television companies should be reminded that Fourth Division clubs have as much right to be screened as do their counterparts from higher up the League.

● Whenever we see Third or Fourth Division games we are pleasantly surprised. Match of the Day's recent Swindon/Sheffield Wednesday did not even suffer in comparison to the magnificent Norwich/Liverpool main match. However, when thinking of viewing ratings, First Division games will always win and attract a bigger audience.

### No sportsmanship

I WISH to comment on the actions of the so-called fans at the England/Republic of Ireland game. Due to the booing, neither National Anthems were heard.

As if that were not enough, the crowd showed their lack of sportsmanship when Peyton and Johnson were injured. At least the Irish supporters applauded when Johnson was carried off, but all the English could do was boo Peyton.

DECLAN O'CARROLL,  
DUBLIN.

● I've commented many times about the disgraceful lack of respect the majority of Wembley fans show for National Anthems. It is a sad comment when the F.A. consider banning the anthems because of the hostile reception. Those guilty should hang their heads in shame.

### Wrong side?

KEVIN Keegan was superb for England against the Republic of Ireland. But with a name like that, surely he should have been on the other side?

MICHAEL McGEEARY,  
LINTHORPE.

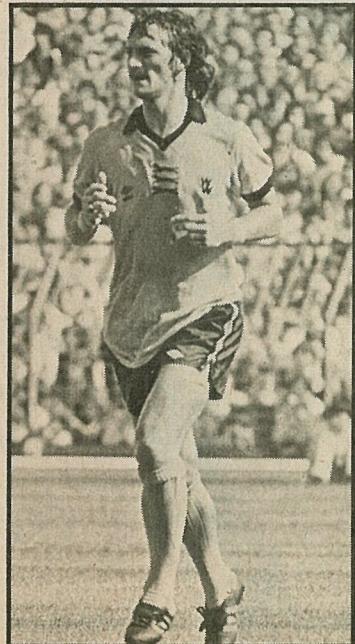
● It appears the Irish manager thinks Liam Brady is a better midfielder — would K.K. get a place in the team?

### Padded posts

WHEN will the Football Association learn goal-posts are unprotected and therefore cause injury when a player crashes into one? The Rugby world have their posts padded for players' protection; surely this idea could also benefit soccer?

DAVID NICHOLS,  
BIRMINGHAM.

● It's certainly an idea worth thinking about... as anyone who's collided with a post will agree. Ask Steve Perryman?





**Tartan Talk**  
DEREK JOHNSTONE

MY reaction to the amazing Kevin Keegan transfer deal recently can be summed up in one phrase... I could hardly believe it!

Let's face it, British soccer needs boosts like that. George Best's shock sacking by Hibernian did nothing to enhance the game. What a waste of talent.

I wonder if Keegan's return to Britain from West Germany will influence other young players to think twice before packing up and leaving for fame and fortune in another country.

Liam Brady, the Arsenal midfield mastermind, comes to mind immediately. From what I can gather he has been uncertain about a move.

And what about yours truly? I've said in the past that I wouldn't mind sampling soccer in the States — I believe it would be an interesting experience one way or another — but that is very much in the future.



Keegan's decision to come back to England could influence Liam Brady to stay with Arsenal.

## 'Glad Rangers rejected my transfer request'

My loyalties are at Ibrox with Rangers and I'm happy with the way things stand at the moment. OK, I asked for a transfer two years ago, but I'm glad it came to nothing.

You know I think John Greig and Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy are very similar in many ways. Both have the gift of the gab, there is no doubt about that.

Mr Greig knows the right thing to say when you are feeling down and when your confidence has gone.

He's a very patient man and I believe Rangers are extremely lucky to have had such a marvellous individual both as a player and a manager.

Funnily enough, John Greig's second match in charge of Rangers in 1978 after big Jock Wallace had

gone to Leicester City was against Southampton at Ibrox in the Final of a pre-season tournament.

We really hit fine form that glorious Sunday afternoon — we had both played other teams in the Semi-Finals on the Saturday — and we wallop Southampton 4-1.

One thing I will never forget about that game was a gem of a goal from Robert Russell, a slender and thoughtful midfield player.

He carried the ball forward from midfield and, like you might do in training, he tried a flighted effort from long range and it just flew past the 'keeper, lovely stuff!

Proving that Lawrie McMenemy is a big man in every sense of the word. He was first into the dug-out at the final whistle to congratulate John Greig on a job well done.

Other managers might have

taken off at great speed for the dressing-room after seeing their side hammered 4-1 but not Lawrie.

I know John Greig greatly appreciated that gesture.

Illustrating the fact that Mr Greig and Mr McMenemy obviously believe in the same sporting habits, our boss went into the Celtic dressing-room to congratulate the Parkhead men on clinching the Premier Division title last season. That took some doing — believe me!

Possibly we will come up against Kevin Keegan and Southampton some time in the near future. We've had some great games against them at Ibrox in the past and they are a thoroughly sporting and entertaining team.

You might not immediately rate them alongside the Manchester Uniteds, Arsenal, Liverpools, the

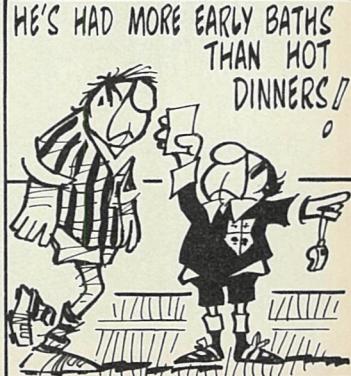
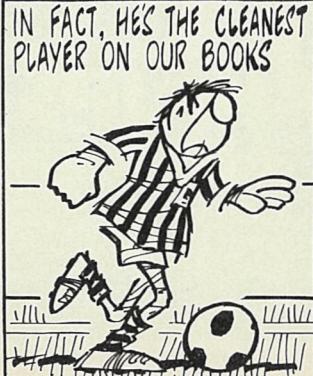
Nottingham Forests, the Rangers and, I'd better add this, the Celts, but they are certainly heading in the right direction and I would like to wish Lawrie and Kevin all the best of luck for the future.

It will be intriguing to see how Southampton line-up in the new season. Obviously I don't know what McMenemy's plans are, but I wonder how players like Mike Channon, Dave Watson and Phil Boyer, among others, will combine with the England skipper. They could be dynamite!

The League has us scheduled to meet Hibs at Ibrox on Saturday and that game would have been George Best's first game against us in Glasgow. He played in the game at Easter Road against us when we were beaten 2-1. George played quite well that day, and how much his antics of the recent weeks will affect the rest of the team remains to be seen.

**TARTAN TALK FROM  
CELTIC'S DANNY  
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

**NOBBY**



**ENGLAND** completed their European Championship qualifying games with a well-deserved 2-0 win over the Republic of Ireland at Wembley. There was no doubt who was the star of the evening

One 'German' congratulates another! Bundesliga stars Tony Woodcock and Kevin Keegan celebrate Kevin's goal success.



David O'Leary is just about to tackle England's David Johnson.

# KEEGAN England's best

Keegan's first... a close-range drive which gave Eire 'keeper Gerry Peyton no chance.





Midfield tigers . . . Tony Grealish, and England debut boy Bryan Robson.



Kevin Keegan is a second away from scoring his second goal against the Irish with this delightful chip-shot.

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NAME ..... ADDRESS .....

**O**NE of the biggest surprises of the current season has been the poor showing made by Second Division Fulham.

The team fancied by many to be pressing for promotion about now instead find themselves locked in a bitter fight against relegation.

A totally unexpected slump has left Fulham staring the Third Division in the face.

It is a grim prospect no one at Craven Cottage wants to think about — let alone talk about. Yet it is going to take a sustained run of really sizzling form to get them out of trouble now.

And that is by no means impossible. For one look at the Fulham squad reveals a list of players as good as any in the Second Division.

In fact, when manager Bobby Campbell was asked whether he intended to move into the transfer market to buy someone to try and

stop the rot he made it clear there was no point.

"Where can I get better players than those I already have," he said.

"How can I improve on 'keeper Gerry Peyton, defender Tony Gale, skipper Richard Money, strikers Teddy Maybank and Gordon Davies, Les Strong and John Beck?

"These lads are worth a total of £2½ million. They are outstanding players and it's ridiculous that they should be stuck at the foot of the table."

When you run through the side it's difficult to argue with Campbell's assessment.

He claims that luck is the one ingredient Fulham have not been blessed with. This has drained the confidence and is the cause of their present plight.

SHOOT had a reporter at the home game against Queens Park Rangers, when Fulham had nearly all the play

. . . yet lost 2-0.

It was quite obvious from that performance that there is nothing wrong with team spirit. They ran themselves into the ground in an attempt to end their wretched run.

Yet they missed a couple of glorious chances in front of the Rangers goal — and were punished for making two errors in front of their own.

"That was typical of the way things have been going this season. The lads have done all that anyone could ask of them and I could cry for them," says Campbell.

Even if the worst does happen and Fulham find themselves in the Third Division next season, Craven Cottage regulars have no need to grieve for long.

For the club is on a sound footing now and their prospects have never been better.

They have had their share of

debt on the new Riverside Stand and at one time if Fulham had gone out of business it would have caused no great surprise.

It was a difficult time and all the wrangling hardly gave Campbell the ideal conditions to work in. But he ignored it all and got on with doing the job he felt had to be done.

Now in his third year as manager Campbell has put nearly £1½ million into the club's bank account from the sale of players and spent only a third of that in signing replacements.

The overhaul was so drastic that only Strong is left at the club from the team that lost to West Ham in that 1975 F.A. Cup Final.

All that transfer dealing has enabled Fulham to wipe out a massive overdraft and the money they now owe is peanuts by today's standards.

Campbell has never wavered in his beliefs as results have gone the wrong way — even after the fans bayed for

## Manager Bobby Campbell explains...

# FULHAM'S FALL

problems in the recent past. Ten of the players that took them to the F.A. Cup Final in 1975 have left the club, along with manager Alec Stock, chief coach Bill Taylor and the entire board.

Blunt Yorkshireman Ernie Clay took over as chairman and installed Campbell as manager as the club went through a spell that threatened their future.

Building giants McAlpine were pressing for repayment of a £274,000

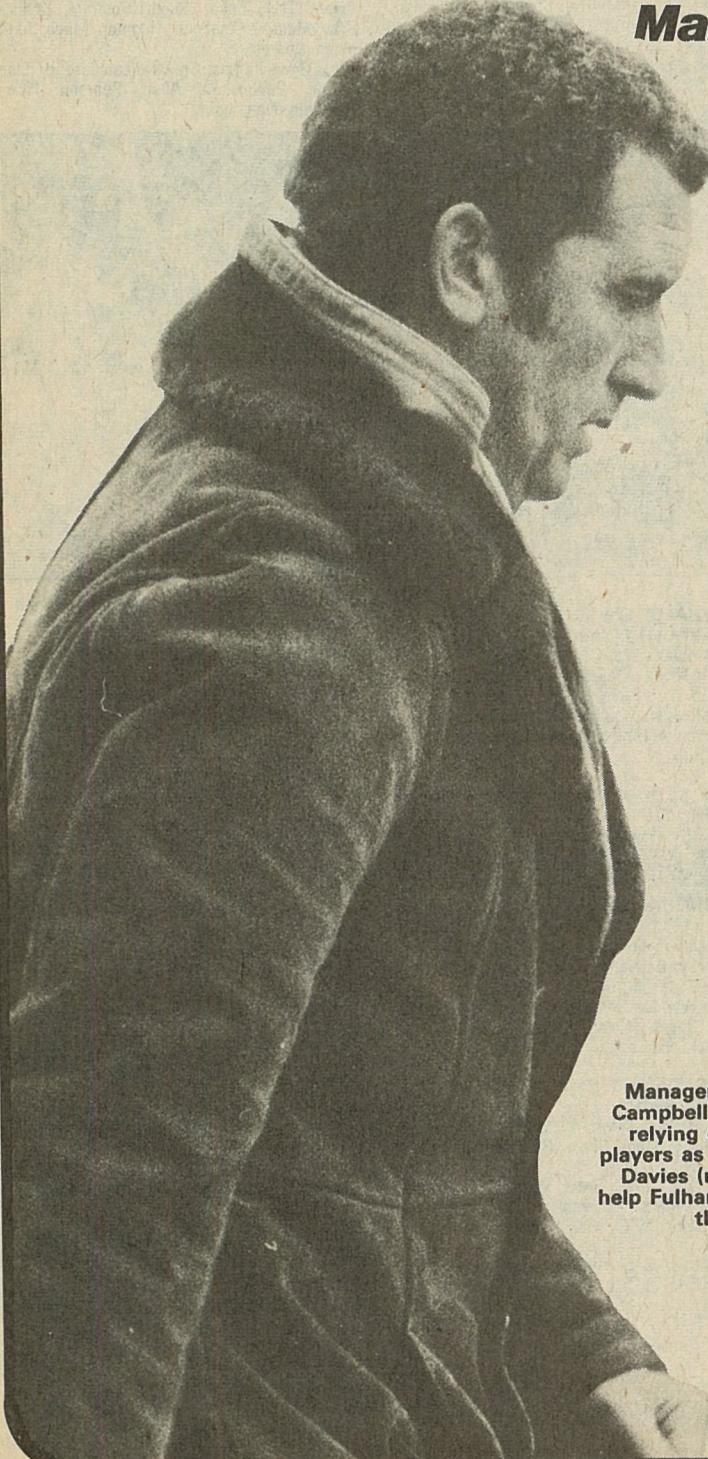
his head after the home F.A. Cup defeat by Blackburn.

"I'm convinced the way I am doing things is right. And nothing that has happened this season will persuade me otherwise," he declares boldly.

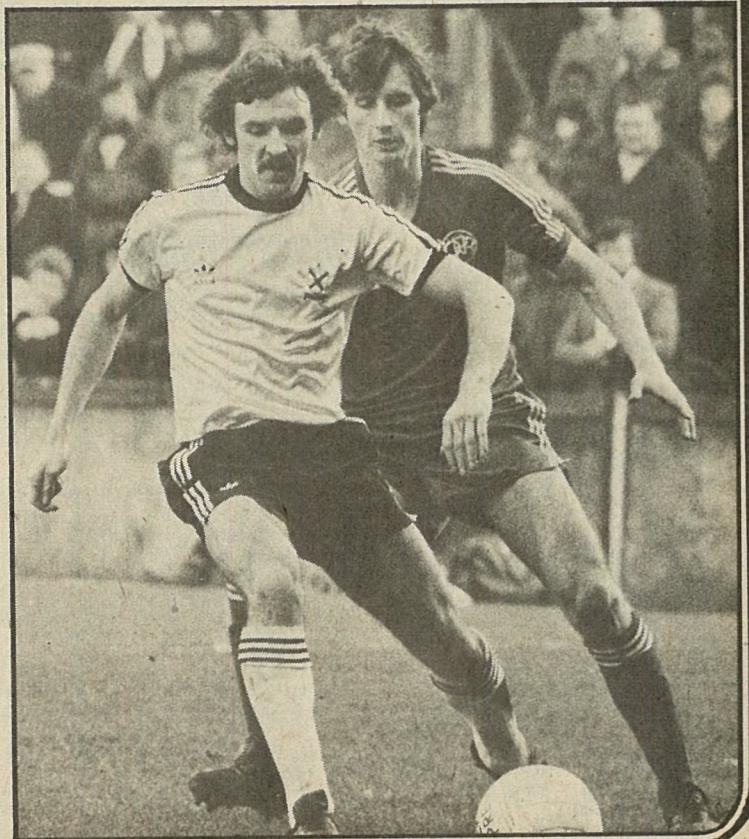
"Come and spend a couple of days here and see for yourself," he invited SHOOT. "And if you find a better run club I'll be surprised."

Fulham's history is littered with ups and downs and they have provided music-hall comedians with much of their material for years.

But what is happening to them right now is no joke. In view of all their efforts they deserve better — and we hope the luck starts turning their way quickly.



Manager Bobby Campbell (left) is relying on such players as Gordon Davies (right) to help Fulham avoid the drop.



# LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

Saturday, Dec 29

*continued*

## Scottish Second

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 (Murray, Jenkins)  
BRECHIN (0) 0 350

(Abandoned after 77 mins; fog).

COWDENBEATH v STRANEAR postponed.

## Irish League

BALLYMENA UTD (1) 5 (Malone 3, McQuiston 2)

LINFIELD (0) 0

Ballymena Utd: White; Beattie, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, McCall, Mullan (Jess), Sloan, McQuiston, Malone, Neil.

Linfield: Dunlop; Garrett, Hayes, Jameson, Rafferty, McKeown, Nixon, McKee, McCurdy (Anderson), Dornan, Feeney.

BANGOR (0) 0

GLENAVON (0) 0

Bangor: Irwin; Feeney, McKim, Larmour, Harrison, Cummings, Lennox, McLoughlin, Barrett, McCoubrey, Duddy.

Glenavon: McCollough; Davey, Quinn, McGuigan, Stitt, Donnelly, Millan, O'Kane, McGeown, Tully, Hunter.

COLERAINE (3) 5 (Moffatt, Mullan, Dickson, Foregrave, Mahon)

CRUSADERS (1) 2 (King 2)

Coleraine: Magee; McDowell, McNutt, Beckett, Platt, McConaghie, Mahon, Foregrave, Mullan, Dickson, Moffatt (Stewart).

Crusaders: McDonald; Strain, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McPolin, Kennedy, Currie, King, McAteer (McKernan), Rice.

DISTILLERY (1) 2 (McMinn, Coulter)

LARNE (0) 1 (Doran)

Distillery: Smyth; Andrews, McGreevy, Keatley, McElhinney, McAuly, Kerr, Cowden, Richardson, McMinn, Coulter.

Larne: Coburn; Wilson, Cleland, McManus, Carland, Graham, Hardy, Clarke, Doran, McAuly, Higgins.

GLENTORAN (1) 1 (Blackledge)

CLIFTONVILLE (1) 1 (Bell)

Glentoran: Anderson; McCreery (Rab), Carson, Walsh, Moore, Gracey, Irvine (Dickey), McCreery (Ron), Blackledge, Porter, Jamison. Cliftonville: Johnston; McGuigan, Largey, Hanagan, Quinn, McCurry, McCusker, Bell, Brown, King (O'Connor), Holden.

PORTADOWN (2) 3 (Graham 2, Campbell)

ARDS (0) 0

Portadown: McCollum; Smyth, Edgar, Topley, Kilburn, Cleary, Graham, Gardiner, Quinn, Campbell, Donegan.

Ards: McKenna; Walker, Cromie, Cullen, McCoy, Gibson, Foster, Walsh, Martin, Reid, Mowat.

Sunday, December 30

## League of Ireland

ATHLONE TOWN (3) 6 (Wyse 2, Clarke 2, P. O'Connor, M. O'Connor)

UCD (0) 0

Athlone Town: Kenna; Fenlon, Smith (McCue), Whelan, Fullam, Clarke, Wyse, O'Connor (P), Salmon, Devlin, Davis (O'Connor (M)).

UCD: McCabe; McKeown, Fox, Deeney, McDonnell, McGovern, Cassidy, Scully, Drury (Doyle), Dignam, Dunne.

DUNDALK (0) 1 (Crawley)

DROGHEDA UTD (1) 1 (Tuite)

Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Keely, Dunn, Mangan, Devine, McKenna (Byrne), Hanagan, Daly (Rogers), Muckian, Crawley. Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Haughey, Campbell, Ferguson, Flanagan, Byrne, Martin, Doran, Freeney, Tuite, Carthy.

FINN HARPS (1) 2 (Ferry, Logan)

THURLES TOWN (0) 0

Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan (McElwaine), Duffy, Logan, McLoughlin (McGowan), McGroarty, Minnock, McGroarty.

Thurles Town: Dunne; Seymour, Doran, O'Brien (Jordan), Tierney, Heffernan, Dardis (Sheehy), Lawson, Steedman, Lyons, Jenkins.

LIMERICK UTD (1) 3 (Meaney 2 (2 pens), Morris)

SLIGO ROVERS (0) 1 (Bradley)

Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Ryan, Hand, O'Mahony, Fitzgerald, Nolan, Meaney, Walsh, Morris, Kennedy (Matthews), Duggan.

Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, Rutherford, Stenson, O'Doherty (G), McLoughlin (Sheridan), O'Doherty (D), Fagan, Patton, Bradley, Hulmes.

ST PATRICK'S ATH (0) 1 (Doyle)

BOHEMIANS (3) 4 (Joyce 3, Lawless)

St Pat's Ath: Grace; Higgins, Daly, Wright, Murphy, Doyle, Browning, Hynes, Jameson, Malone, Kirwan (Barron).

Bohemians: Byrne (W); Gregg, Brady, Nolan, Burke, Whelan, Kelly, Lawless, Byrne (M), Joyce, Eviston (Cowhie).

SHAMROCK ROVERS (5) 6 (Treacy 4, Campbell, Buckley)

CORK UNITED (0) 0

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Synnott, O'Leary, Mulligan, Treacy, Gannon, Gaffney, Byrne, Campbell, Buckley.

Cork United: Lennox; Nodwell, O'Mahony, O'Donovan, Lane (R), Allen, Keane, Punch, Morley (Finnegan), McCarthy, Lane (J).

SHELBOURNE (1) 2 (McMahon, Cleary)

GALWAY ROVERS (1) 4 (Gaynor 2, Tom Murphy, Herrick)

Shelbourne: Delahunt; Boyle, Dillon, McMahon, Cleary, Moody, Nugent (Murphy), Donnelly, Delamere, Byrne, Carney.

Galway Rovers: Lally; Herrick, McDaid, Sheehan, Murphy (Tom), Nolan, Gaynor, Cooke (Murphy (Tony)), Cassidy, Collins (Quinlivan), Mannion.

WATERFORD (0) 2 (Madigan, Murray (Pen))

HOME FARM (0) 0

Waterford: Thomas; Hall, Gardiner, Finucane, Dunphy, Jackson, Murray (Coady), Carey, Madigan, McCarthy, Keane.

Home Farm: Finnerty; Williams, Breslin, Brady, Maher, Stephens, Neville (Archbold), McCluskey, Cervi, King, O'Neill.

Tuesday, January 1

## First Division

BRISTOL C (1) 2 (Gow 2 pens.)

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Clarke, Rodgers o.g.) 19,259

Bristol C: Shaw, Tainton, Whitehead, Gow, Rodgers, Merrick, Pritchard, Fitzpatrick, Mabbott (Ritchie), Mann, Garland.

Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Stevens, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrence, O'Sullivan.

COVENTRY (2) 2 (Blair, Gillespie)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 17,096

Coventry: Sealey; Roberts, McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Gillespie, Nardiello, English, Ferguson, Blair, Hutchison.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Cragg, Johnson, Hedley, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Woof (Ramage), Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.

C. PALACE (0) 0

NORWICH (0) 0 30,254

C. Palace: Burridge, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy (Kember), Francis, Flanagan, Walsh, Hilaire.

Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downs, Ryan, Brown, Powell, Taylor (Nightingale), Mendham, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.

EVERTON (1) 1 (Kidd)

NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 34,616

Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, King, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford, Kidd, McBride.

Nottingham Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, Bowles, Birtles, Bowyer, Robertson.

IPSWICH (2) 4 (Mariner, Wark pen., Osman, Thijssen)

W.B.A. (0) 0 22,477

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhr, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Trewick, Wile, Robertson, Robson (Regis), Brown (A), Deehan, Brown (T), Barnes.

LEEDS (0) 1 (Hird)

DERBY (0) 0 24,271

Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson, Hart, Madeley, Gray, Hird, Connor, Hankin, Harris.

Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb (Powell S.), Osgood, Powell (B), Greenwood, Clark, Davies, Emson.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Young) 22,473

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Baker, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbert.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Devine, Talbot, Waldorf, Young, Gatting, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

ASTON VILLA v MAN. CITY, MAN UTD v BOLTON, STOKE v LIVERPOOL and TOTENHAM v WOLVES postponed.

## Second Division

BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Ainscow, Gemmill)

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Allen) 25,963

Birmingham: Freeman; Broadhurst, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Gemmill, Johnston.

Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Wallace, McCreery, Wicks, Busby, Walsh, Currie (Burke), Allen, Waddock, Hill.

LEICESTER (0) 3 (Smith 2, Goodwin)

BRISTOL R (0) 0 21,579

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Byrne, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.

Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Williams, Mabbott, Harding, Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuel, Penny, Dennehy (Jones), Pulis.

LUTON (2) 3 (Donaghy, Saxby, Moss)

CHELSEA (1) 3 (Fillery, Britton, Walker) 19,717

Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Price, Saacks, Donaghy, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Chelsea: Borata; Locke, Sparrow, Chivers, Pates, Bumstead, Britton, Fillery, Harris, Langley, Walker.

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Cartwright, Shoulder pen., Cassidy)

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Cummins) 38,322

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Withe, Rafferty, Hibbit.

Sunderland: Turner; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Arnott, Marangoni, Hawley, Robson (Rowell), Cummins.

NOTTS CO (0) 0

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 7,722

Notts Co: Avramovic; Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Beaven, Mair.

Cambridge: Webster; Stringer, Smith, Calderwood, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbons (Christie), Murray.

ORIENT (0) 0

WEST HAM (3) 4 (Pearson 2, Devonshire, Pike) 23,885

Orient: Day; Fisher, Smith (Godfrey), Taylor, Gray, Moores, Chedzio, Houghton, Mayo, Jennings, Coates.

West Ham: Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Pike, Brooking, Neighbour.



West Ham's Stuart Pearson scores in a 4-0 victory at Orient.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (King, Maguire)

BURNLEY (0) 0 10,504

Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Burke, Overson (V), Rodaway, Cavener, Dobson, Hamilton, Young, Smith.

SWANSEA (1) 2 (Toshack, Giles)

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Lewis) 21,400

Swansea: Letheran; Phillips, Rushbury, Charles, Stevenson, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack, Callaghan.

Cardiff: Grotier; Dwyer, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.

WREXHAM (2) 2 (McNeil, Carrodus)

PRESTON (0) 0 14,738

Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Kenworthy, Davies, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Carrodus.

Preston: Tunks; Taylor, McAtee, Doyle, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, McGee (Naughton), Coleman.

FULHAM v CHARLTON and OLDHAM v WATFORD postponed.

## Third Division

EXETER (1) 2 (Hatch, Rogers (P))

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Randell 2) 10,489

Exeter: Main; Mitchell (Roberts L), Hatch, Hore, Giles, Roberts (P), Neville, Rogers (P), Bowker, Delve, Pullar.

Plymouth: Crudgington; James, Harrison, Randall, Foster, Phillipson-Masters, Hodges, Cooper, Sims, Bason, Graves (Cook).

# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

SHEFF. UTD (1) 2 (Butlin, Tibbott)  
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (McKenzie pen) 18,000

Sheff. Utd: Richardson; Moore, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goey, Flood, Butlin (Sipeight), Garner, Sabella.  
Blackburn: Arnold; Branagan, Parkes, Kendall, Round, Fazackerley, Brosterston, Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Metcalfe (Rathbone).

BARNESLEY v ROTHERHAM, BURY v COLCHESTER, CARLISLE v BLACKPOOL, CHESTER v CHESTERFIELD, GILLINGHAM v SHEFF. WED., HULL v GRIMSBY, MANSFIELD v BENTFORD, MILLWALL v SOUTHEND, OXFORD v SWINDON, READING v WIMBLEDON postponed.

## Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (MacDougall)  
TORQUAY (1) 2 (Cooper, Ferns o.g.) 5,198

Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Townsend, Chambers (Massey), Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.

Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Pethard, Bourne, Sermann, Coffill, Wilson, Cooper, Davies, Murphy.

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Baines)  
ROCHDALE (2) 2 (Egger, Seal) 5,433

Bradford C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Robertson, Baines, Cooper, Bates, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Hutchins.

Rochdale: Watson; Scaife, Snokes, Taylor, Waldron, Bannon (Weir), Egger, Wann, Seal, O'Loughlin, Hilditch.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Hanvey, Robins)  
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Stalker) 9,898

Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Laverick, Hart, Kindon, Robins, Cowling.

Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean (Hamilton), Charlton, Stalker, Taylor, Walsh.

NEWPORT (1) 1 (Vaughan pen) 7,213  
HEREFORD (0) 0

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D), Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Aldridge, Tynan, Moore.

Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Stephens, Spiring, McGrellis, Jones, White.

PORTRSMOUTH (0) 1 (Rogers)  
ALDERSHOT (2) 3 (French, Needham 2) 23,462

Portsmouth: Knight; McLaughlin, Styles, Brissley (Perrin), Ellis, Viney, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Howitt, Dixon, Youlden, Wooler, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor.

DONCASTER v HARTLEPOOL, LINCOLN v NORTHAMPTON, SCUNTHORPE v CREWE, STOCKPORT v PETERBOROUGH, TRANMERE v WALSH, WIGAN v PORT VALE, YORK v HALIFAX postponed.

## Scottish Premier

ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Sommer 2)  
MORTON (1) 2 (Ritchie, Hutchison) 8,900

St Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro (Beckett), Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, McDougall, Weir.

Morton: Baines; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, McLaren, Craig, Hutchison, Tolmie (Scott), Ritchie.

PARTICK v RANGERS postponed.

## Scottish First

ARBOATH (0) 1 (Stark)  
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 2 (McNicoll, Law-  
son) 2,421

RAITH (0) 1 (Ballatyne)  
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0 1,600

CLYDEBANK v DUMBARTON, HAMILTON v AIRDRIE, HEARTS v BERWICK, STIRLING v MOTHERWELL postponed.

## Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 2 (Houston, Franchetti)  
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (Wood, Gillespie J) 811

E FIFE (2) 2 (Scott, Lumsden)  
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Harley) 850

E STIRLING (2) 2 (McCaig, Robertson)  
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Johnson) 2,000

MONTROSE (2) 3 (Oliver 2, Johnston H)  
MEADOWBANK (0) 3 (Jobson 2,  
McKenna) 1,250

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Gibb)  
Q o S (0) 1 (Robertson) 900

BRECHIN v FORFAR postponed.

## League of Ireland

BOHEMIANS (0) 0  
SHAMROCK ROVERS (0) 2 (Byrne, Mulligan)

Bohemians: Byrne (W); Gregg, Brady, Nolan, Burke, Whelan, Kelly, Lawless, Byrne (M), Joyce, Eviston (Cowhie).

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Mulligan, Synott, O'Leary, Gannon, Gaffney, Byrne, Treacy, Campbell, Buckley.



CORK UNITED (1) 2 (Allen 2)  
ATHLONE TOWN (1) 1 (Salmon)

Cork Utd: Ludzic; Punch, O'Donovan, O'Mahony, Brohan, Finnegan, Keane, Nodwell, Allen, McCarthy, Lane.

Athlone Town: Kenna; Fenlon, Whelan, Fullam, Smith, O'Connor (P), Wyse, Clarke, Salmon, Devlin, Davis (O'Connor T).

## Irish League

ARDS (0) 1 (Martin)  
GLENTORAN (0) 3 (Blackledge, Ron McCreery, Rab McCreery)

CLIFTONVILLE (0) 0  
DISTILLERY (1) 1 (McMinn)

CRUSADERS (1) 1 (Byrne)  
BALLYMEAN UTD. (0) 1 (Jess)

GLENAVON (0) 1 (McGuigan)  
PORTADOWN (0) 0

LARNE (0) 2 (Connor, Hardy)  
COLERAINE (2) 2 (Dickson, Platt pen.)

LINFIELD (3) 7 (Anderson 2, Jameson 2,  
Dornan, Feeney)  
BANGOR (0) 0

## Friday, January 4

### F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Barrowclough)

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Shaw, Cowans) 16,060

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Cooper, Mabbett, Taylor, Williams, Barrowclough, Prince, Penny, Dennehy, Pulis.

Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Shaw.

## Saturday, January 5

### F.A. Cup

(Second Round)

NORTHWICH VICTORIA (0) 2 (Smith pen, Mayman)

WIGAN (2) 2 (Hinnigan, Gore) 6,500

Northwich: Ryan; Ritchie, Forshaw, Nisman, Collier, Mayman, Jones, Hall, O'Neill (Braithwaite), Smith, Bailey.

Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Quinn, Urquhart.

(second replay)

WIMBLEDON (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 7,484

Wimbledon: Goddard; Briley, Jones, Gaffney, Bowgett, Cunningham, Perkins, Parsons, Denny, Cork, Lewington (Leslie).

Portsmouth: Mellor; McLaughlin, Viney, Briley, Perrin, Ellis, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.

### F.A. Cup

(Third Round)

ALTRINCHAM (1) 1 (Whitbread)

ORIENT (0) 1 (Jennings) 7,844

Altrincham: Steppen; Allan, Davidson, Dailey, Owens, King, Barrow, Whitbread, Johnson, Rogers, Howard.

Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Moores, Godfrey, Hughton, Mayo, Jennings, Coates.

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Bertschin, Gallagher)  
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Channon pen) 24,648

Birmingham: Freeman; Broadhurst, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Gemmill, Johnston (Lynex).

Southampton: Wells; Golac, Waldron, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard.

BRISTOL C (3) 6 (Garland 2, Pritchard 2, Whitehead, Mann)

DERBY (0) 2 (Davies, Daly) 13,384

Bristol C: Shaw; Tainton, Whitbread, Gow, Rodgers, Merrick, Pritchard, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Mann, Garland.

Derby: McKellar; Emery, Buckley, Daly, Powell (S), Osgood, Clark (Emson), Powell (B), Greenwood, Davies, Moreland.

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Dobson pen)

STOKE (0) 0 13,478

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Overton (V), Burke, Dixon, Rodaway, Cavener, Dobson, Hamilton, Young, Smith.

Stoke: Fox; Evans, Dodd, Richardson, Smith, Doyle, Irvine, Heath, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Randall.

CARDIFF (0) 0

ARSENAL (0) 0 21,972

Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop (Stevens), Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.

Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Rice, Talbot, Walford, Young, Gatting, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

MILLWALL (2) 5 (McKenna, Tagg, Lyons 3)

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Maguire) 7,026

Millwall: Jackson; Coleman (Kitchener), Roberts, Mehmet, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seaman, McKenna, Lyons, O'Callaghan.

Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin (Cross), Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.

CARLISE (1) 3 (Bonnyman pen, Ludlam, Hoolickin)

BRADFORD C (1) 2 (Baines, Dolan pen) 6,480

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Ludlam, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Beardsley, Hamilton, Staniforth (Bannon).

Bradford C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Wood, Cooper, Robertson, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Martinez.

CHESHAM (0) 0

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Gibbins, Reilly) 5,000

Chesham: Barber; Griffiths, Smith, Horrastead, Dodd, Johnson (P), Jackett, Watt, Martell, Johnson (D) (Maguire), Woolfrey.

Cambridge: Webster; Stringer, Smith, Turner, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbins, Murray.

EVERTON (2) 4 (Latchford, Hartford, King, Kidd)

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (McGregor) 23,700

Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, King, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford, Kidd, McBride.

Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Howitt, Dixon, Youlden, Wooler, Crosby, Brodie, French (Green), Needham, McGregor.

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Hendrie)

MAN CITY (0) 0 12,599

Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Mountford, Smith, Stafford.

Man City: Corrigan; Ranson, Power, Reid, Caton, Bennett, Henry, Daley, Robinson, Viljoen, Shinton.

LEEDS (0) 1 (Lloyd og)

NOTTM FOREST (2) 4 (Gray, Birtles, Bowyer, Robertson) 35,945

Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson, Hart, Madeley, Gray, Hird, Connor, Curtis (Entwistle), Harris.

Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis, Bowles, Birtles, Bowyer, Robertson.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Henderson)

HARLOW (0) 1 (Prosser) 21,302

Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Goodwin, May, O'Neill, Byrne, Henderson, Young, Kelly, Smith.

Harlow: Kitson; Wickenden, Flack, Gough, Clark, Adnams (Austin), Mackenzie, Mann, Prosser, Twigg, Griffiths.

LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (Souness, Johnson 3, Case)

GRIMSBY (0) 0 49,706

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglash, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Grimsby: Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Kilmore (Ford), Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

LUTON (0) 0

SWINDON (1) 2 (Rowland, Williams) 12,458

Luton, Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Greasham, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein (White), Hatton, Moss.

Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Stroud, McHale, Tucker, Carter, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

MANSFIELD (0) 0

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Ryan, Clarke) 8,204

Mansfield: Arnold; Dawkins, Foster (Burrows), Curtis, Bird, McClelland, Thomson, Taylor, Austin, Mann, Allen.

Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrence, O'Sullivan.

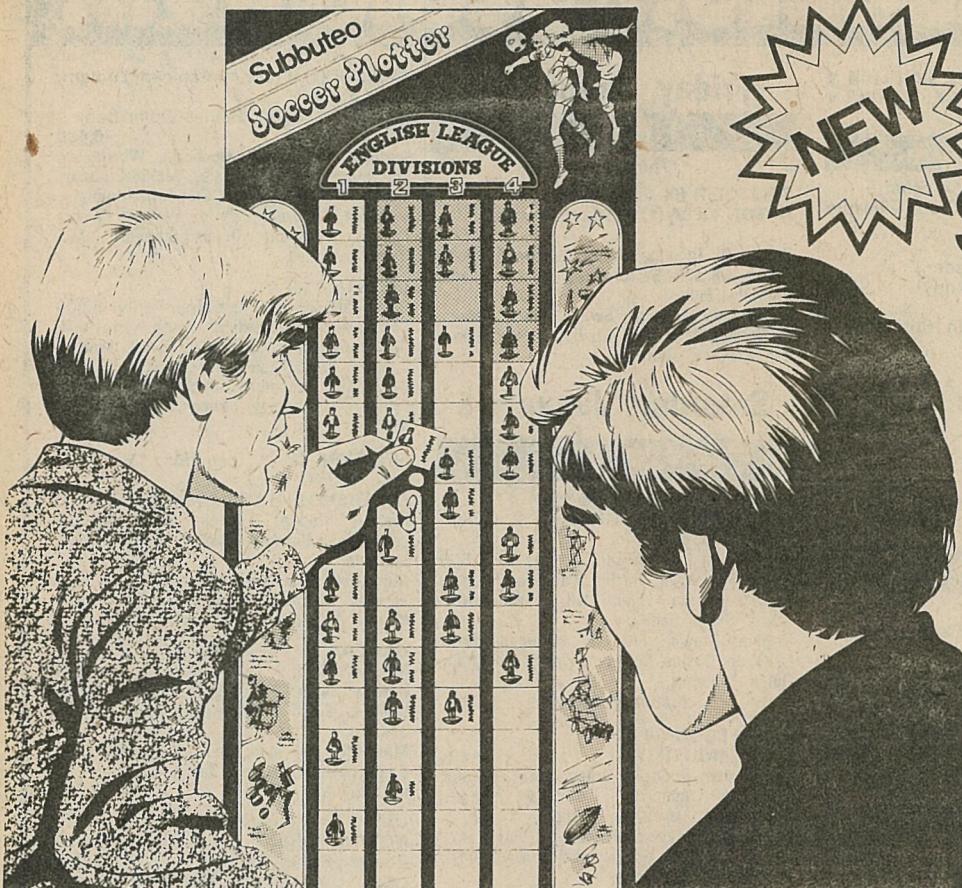
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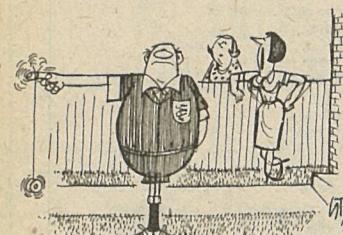
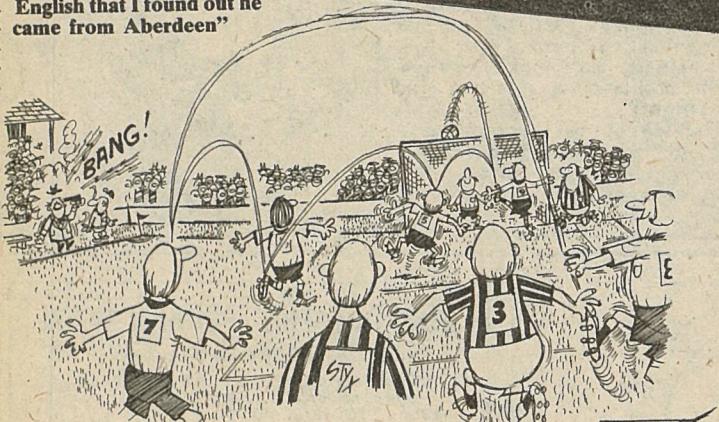
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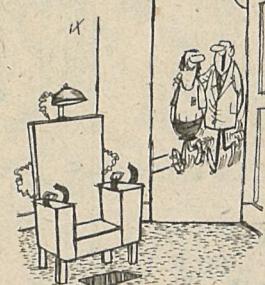
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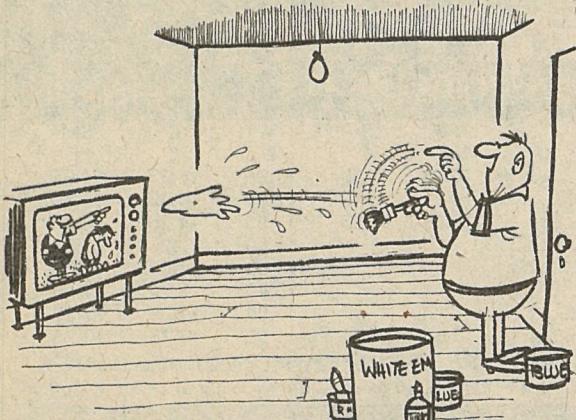
"It was only when I said that the Scots learned the basic skills of football from the English that I found out he came from Aberdeen"



"Exercise, dear — he pulled a muscle in his finger"



"After your poor showing last Saturday the boss wants me to give you some special electrical treatment"



**AN Callaghan**, ex-Liverpool and England, now with Swansea and 38-year-old, has no thoughts of retirement.

He has won First Division Championship medals, F.A. Cup, European Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup medals, played for England in 1966 and 1977, and was voted Footballer of the Year in 1974. An M.B.E., Ian confesses that he has no immediate ambition, apart from continuing to enjoy his football.

"I still get pleasure from playing and training, and am not thinking

left, Peter Thompson.

Says Ian: "At times, I was operating as a midfield man rather than an out-and-out winger, and it was no problem when I dropped back to take on a permanent midfield role in subsequent Liverpool teams."

During his long and distinguished spell at Anfield, Callaghan enjoyed the unique experience of playing in three great sides, being part of the one that Bill Shankly built after the break-up of the famous 1965 Cup-winning outfit, then

## Callie's not going Down Under yet



too far ahead in my plans. I've spent previous close seasons in America and Australia, and when the time comes I'll consider the question of another spell in Australia."

Recently, Callaghan has moved house, but not far enough away from his previous home to affect a life-style which most people would regard as hectic. Training as hard as ever at Anfield, he makes a round trip of 500 miles from Liverpool to turn out for Swansea, but considers the travelling well worthwhile.

"I do most of my travelling from my present house, which is only a short distance down the road from my last one, by car," he says. "It's a routine I'm accustomed to, and don't find tiring. I haven't lost my enthusiasm for the game and look forward to every match. I take each game as it comes."

And for Callaghan, there have been about 1,000 first team appearances since he made his League debut for Liverpool in 1960. Later, he was the man who laid on the goal for Ian St. John in extra-time when the Merseysiders beat Leeds in the 1965 F.A. Cup Final, the first Anfield side to lift the trophy.

In those days, Callaghan played on the right wing, but operated in a more deep-lying role than his nimble-footed colleague on the

taking his place in the third which evolved under Bob Paisley.

Following his prolific gathering of medals and trophies with Liverpool, any move to another club may have struck some players as being something of an anti-climax, but Callaghan doesn't see it that way.

"Swansea have done incredibly well, and it was a fantastic feeling for me when they won promotion at the end of last season. I'm glad that I can still get such a terrific thrill out of winning. Once I start to lose my enthusiasm or fail to derive any pleasure from training, I will pack it all in."

"This season, we haven't really got much chance of promotion now, but I'm satisfied to be helping the team as much as I can, so that we can reach a good position in the League."

"It certainly won't be an easy matter for me to start preparing for the end of my career. The adjustment to a business life could be difficult, as other players have found out, and I don't wish to make the mistake of packing up football too early."

So the man who was a star in the 60's and 70's faces up to the challenges of the 80's and if a big heart counts for anything, Ian Callaghan will go on running for a long while yet.

## KEEP UP WITH SHILTON



# 'UNKNOWN' GERMANS A DANGER

I MUST admit that I groaned a bit when I heard that we had been drawn against Dynamo Berlin in the Quarter-Finals of the European Cup.

Given the choice, I would have gone for one of the more fancied clubs like Laurie Cunningham's Real Madrid or Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV.

That might surprise some of you but I say this simply on the basis that you know where you stand with the more fashionable clubs.

We are due to play the first-leg at the City ground next week (March 5th) and at this stage, I can confess to knowing nothing of any real value about Dynamo Berlin.

I know they won the East German League for the first time last season — and won by a long way. It means, of course, the club are competing in the European Cup for the first time but if you ask me whether any of their players have previous experience at this level, I just couldn't tell you.

It's when you come up against unknown opponents like this that they can be the most dangerous.

There is always the threat that you might underestimate them but with our experience, plus the certain knowledge that they must

be a useful side to have got this far in the competition, I should hope we won't fall for that.

Nevertheless, I reckon this could be the most difficult tie we face, even if we go on and reach the Final again. I'll be mighty relieved if we can emerge from the first-leg with a healthy lead.

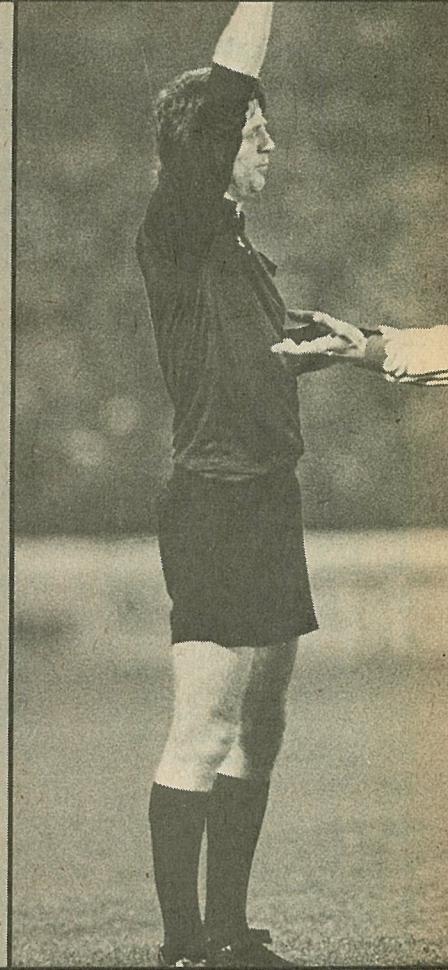
Going behind the Iron Curtain to play is never the most pleasant of experiences because strange things can happen.

The food and general environment are so completely foreign from what we are used to that the pre-match build up can be most unsettling.

### Treatment

Even on the field it can be "different" and I will never forget the treatment Garry Birtles and Tony Woodcock had to contend with when we played the Rumanian Champions Arges Pitesti in the last round. It resulted in one of their players getting a red card (right).

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## ANFIELD HERO MILLS COULD MISS FINAL



GARY MILLS must spend the next couple of weeks wondering if he might get the opportunity to play against Wolverhampton Wanderers in the League Cup Final.

I suppose unless we have injury problems, the chances are that he will miss out — but his turn is sure to come.

Whether Gary plays at Wembley or not, he has the satisfaction of knowing he made an important contribution towards getting Nottingham Forest into the Final for the third successive year.

And perhaps more important at this stage of his career, he went through an experience at Anfield which must have added a tremendous amount to his football

education.

Going to Liverpool to defend a one goal lead in a Cup Semi-Final against one of the best teams in Europe was an experience for me, so I'm certain that Gary, at 18, must have benefited enormously.

He understandably tired in the second-half but had already illustrated his massive potential by playing his part in what I reckon was the second best team display I've been involved in.

It's hard to imagine anything will ever better the Forest performance in Cologne last season when we had to go there and win the Semi-Final to stay in the European Cup.

Our team effort at Anfield was the nearest thing to it, however, and although the match was no classic from a spectator's point of view, it was the ultimate in professionalism.

I know we had a slight advantage but to go there — without Trevor Francis and Stan Bowles — after the F.A. Cup beating that Liverpool had given us and brush them aside was a magnificent achievement.

But now we must start thinking about Wolves and with the twin strike threat of Andy Gray and John Richards to contend with, I just hope our defence covers me as well as they did at Anfield.

## EXIT CHARLIE-BUT DON'T BLAME CLOUGH

I WAS sad and a little surprised when Charlie George rejected the chance to extend his loan period with us and decided to return to Southampton.

We became quite close during his month at the City Ground and even in that short spell, he tasted success with us.

Charlie can look back on his stay with pleasant memories of the time he helped Nottingham Forest win the European Super Cup.

In fact, he could even claim to have won it for us with his brilliant match-winning goal in the first-leg.

But despite that, and the possibility that he might have added a European Cup winner's medal to his collection by the end of the season, he elected to go back to Hampshire.

I can well understand how difficult it must have been for him to make that decision — just as I realise that Brian Clough and Peter Taylor had a problem.

For all his ability, Charlie has a recent history of injuries and when you are talking in terms of £500,000 the management have to be absolutely satisfied that there is no fear that money is being wasted.

Loan periods can put a tremendous strain on a player, regardless of what level he is playing at, but if it happens to an international class performer like Charlie the problems can multiply.

It normally takes a player at least a month to settle in with a new club but time is something you just don't have when you go on loan.

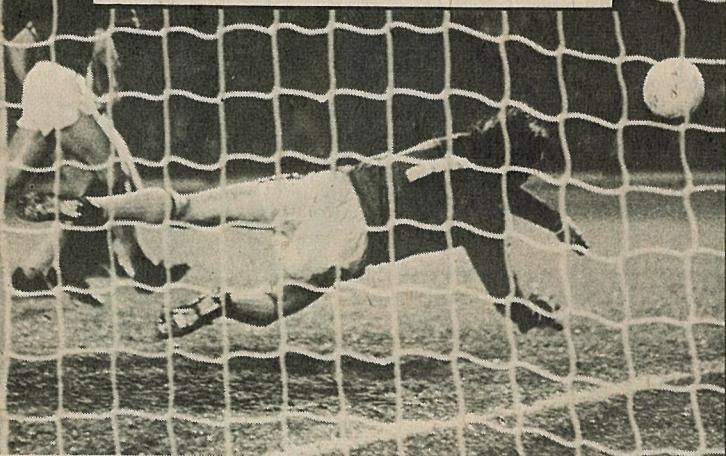
In fact, it's more of a trial period and the player somehow has to instantly produce his best form in a different environment, with different faces around him and quite probably, different tactics to contend with.

Add to that the fact his family might be a 100 miles away while he is living in a hotel and travelling home at weekends and it's not hard to understand the problems.

Whether your name is Charlie George or Fred Bloggs it's never easy and sadly, in Charlie's case a month was just not long enough.



# FANS SHOULD GIVE RENNIE A BREAK



LIVERPOOL superstar Kenny Dalglish was an ardent admirer of goalkeeper Stewart Rennie when he was a Celtic player and his opponent guarded Motherwell's interests.

Dalglish and Rennie had some fascinating duels when they faced each other and both have a healthy respect for the other's capabilities. But what a transformation both have undergone in the past three years.

Kenny has gone from strength to strength after his £440,000 transfer to Liverpool while Stewart has been used as part of a £100,000 deal to take Ayr's Hugh Sproat to Motherwell.

Rennie has moved into the Ayr goal, but he hasn't found it easy to replace Sproat, known as 'The Clown' because of his mind-boggling antics between the sticks.

## Personality

The fans have missed the colour of Sproat, their number one personality player, and, in turn, Rennie has come in for some unfortunate and needless abuse.

"I realise I am not a showman like Sproat, but I feel I have been doing well recently," says Rennie. "However, I have to admit that I get depressed because I haven't won over the fans. They are extremely difficult to please."

Ayr manager Willie McLean, who was Stewart's boss when they were both at Motherwell, prefers to ignore the fans and has great faith in his new 'keeper.'

"He does a good job for the club," says McLean. "He is a thorough professional and a good team man. He works hard at his game."

Rennie, in fact, works out with a rival First Division goalkeeper — Murray McDermott, of Raith Rovers.

Boss McLean hasn't insisted on Rennie travelling through from

Rennie dives full length to deny Gordon Smith of Rangers.

Edinburgh twice a week to Ayr for training sessions, so the 'keeper keeps fit at nearby Kirkcaldy. He goes through a rigid routine with McDermott where both put each other through the mill.

Rennie will probably complete his career at Somerset Park, but we will never really know how good he might have been had he gone full-time.

He first made his name with Falkirk, but was taken to Fir Park by former manager Ian St. John, the ex-Liverpool striker who is now involved in television presenting and commenting.

While at Motherwell Rennie built a great reputation with his lightning reflexes and sturdy handling of the ball. He always seemed to play particularly well against Kenny Dalglish and Celtic.

Immediately springing to mind was a Scottish Cup-tie at Fir Park several years ago where Celtic were leading 2-0 at the interval and threatening to run riot. However, Rennie denied them with a string of wonderful saves and threw his team-mates a lifeline which they happily grabbed.

Ian Taylor and Bobby Graham scored to pull back Celtic's advantage and, with time running out, Motherwell achieved the seemingly impossible by getting the winner through Willie Pettigrew.

Yes, quite a lot has happened to Stewart Rennie since that incredible afternoon. He still has a lot to offer the game... if the so-called fans allow him to display his talents without mindless comments from the terracing that can so often ruin a player's concentration and wreck his confidence.

Promotion is still a distinct possibility for Ayr United and goalkeeper Stewart Rennie at the end of the season. He is determined to prove himself in the Premier Division and show Motherwell they made a mistake.

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## Games off

What is the record number of bad-weather postponements of Football League and Scottish League matches on any one Saturday?

PAUL GRASSICK,  
MUSSELBURGH

● During the "Ice Age" period early in 1963, Paul, nearly every Saturday was a bleak one for soccer for almost a couple of months.

But the worst of all was 9th February — when a total of 57 major games were called-off, or abandoned, through snow and ice.

Only seven League games could be finished in England — while the Scottish programme was completely wiped-out.

## Watson's clubs

To settle an argument, can you tell me all Dave Watson's clubs?

STUART LUMSDEN,  
DURHAM

● He kicked-off his professional career with Notts County, Stuart, but after 23 League games moved on to Rotherham.

121 League games there, and then it was on to Sunderland (177) for a then huge fee (by 1970 standards) of £100,000.

Watson next moved to Manchester City in June, 1975, but, after another 146 League games, went to Werder Bremen last summer before coming home to England, with Southampton, four months later.

## Attendance

What's the highest attendance at any match in England outside Wembley?

ROBERT HOLDEN,  
WINCHESTER

● Well, Robert, there were 120,081 spectators at the 1913 F.A. Cup Final Between Aston Villa and Sunderland at the old Crystal Palace ground.

But Manchester City's ground at Maine Road has housed the biggest gate both for any Football League match, and for any F.A. Cup-tie (apart from the Final).

83,260 fans saw the First Division game between Manchester United — who, due to Wartime bomb-damage at Old Trafford, were then still sharing the ground with their neighbours — and Arsenal on 17th January, 1948.

And 84,569 saw City's own Sixth Round F.A. Cup-tie v. Stoke on 3rd March, 1934.

## Tallest

Who's been the tallest, and the shortest, man to play for England?

NEIL WALTON,  
SWINDON

● Looks like a current favourite — Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan — must challenge hotly for the first, Neil. At 6ft. 4½ins, I can't find any "lengthier" full England cap than Big Joe.

5ft. 3ins. looks to be the height (or lack of it!) of the littlest little 'un — and two bygone stars share that one.

There was Spurs winger Fanny Walden — with one cap before, and one after, the First World War.

Then, capped five times in the 1920's, was West Bromwich wing-half Tommy Magee.

## SHORT PASSES

Which Danish player has been the most successful in English football?

SOREN NORGAARD,  
DENMARK

● Well, Soren, there have been quite a few who could "play a bit".

Players like Viggo Jensen (Hull City; 1948-56); Preben Arentoft (Newcastle and Blackburn; 1969-74); and Per Bartram (Crystal Palace; 1970-71).

But you've probably got to go back a bit earlier to find the real "Great Dane".

He was Nils Middleboe — a giant 6ft. 4ins. wing-half who played for Chelsea just before and after World War One; skippered the side; and also played for his country in two Olympic Games Finals.

## Super Spurs

How many times has a non-League club won the F.A. Cup?

KENNETH DICKS,  
PETERBOROUGH

● Surprise, surprise, Kenneth — it's no less than 18!

Mind you, there is a bit of a "catch" in that statement — in that the first 17 Finals were played before the Football League was formed in 1888.

Since then, though, Spurs — still in the Southern League when they won the Cup in 1901 — are the only club to manage it.

But beaten Finalists Sheffield Wednesday (1890), and Southampton (1900 and 1902), were also not yet in the League at the time.

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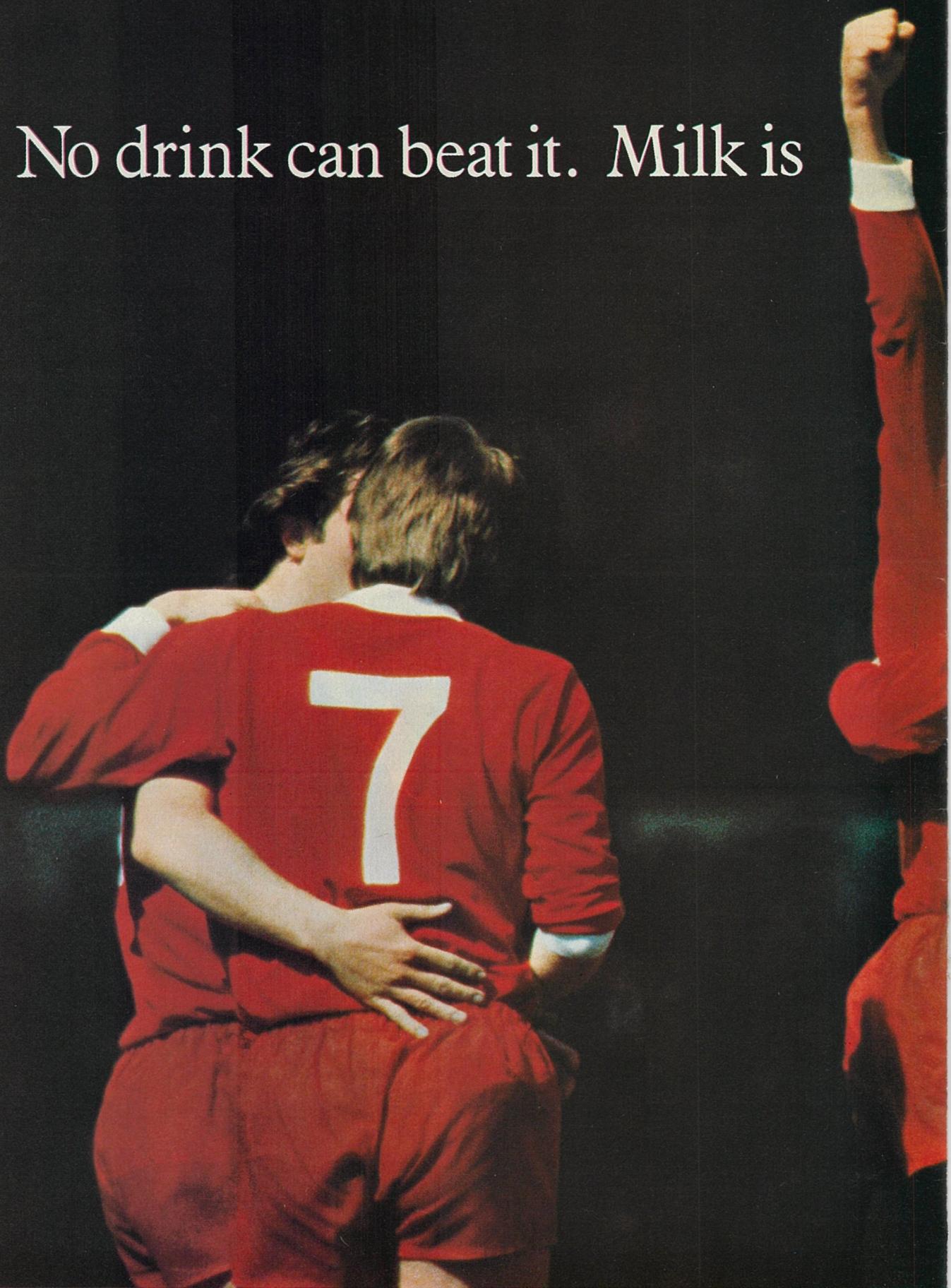
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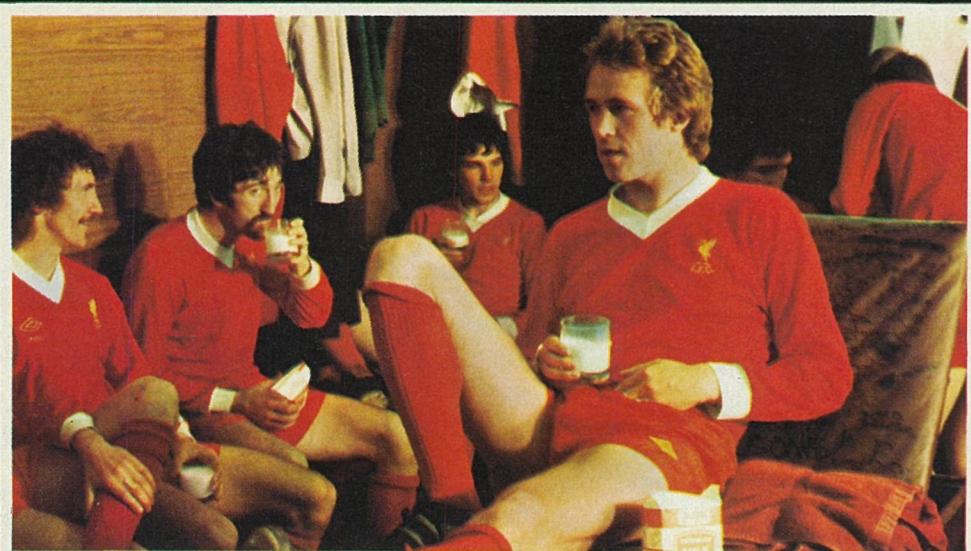
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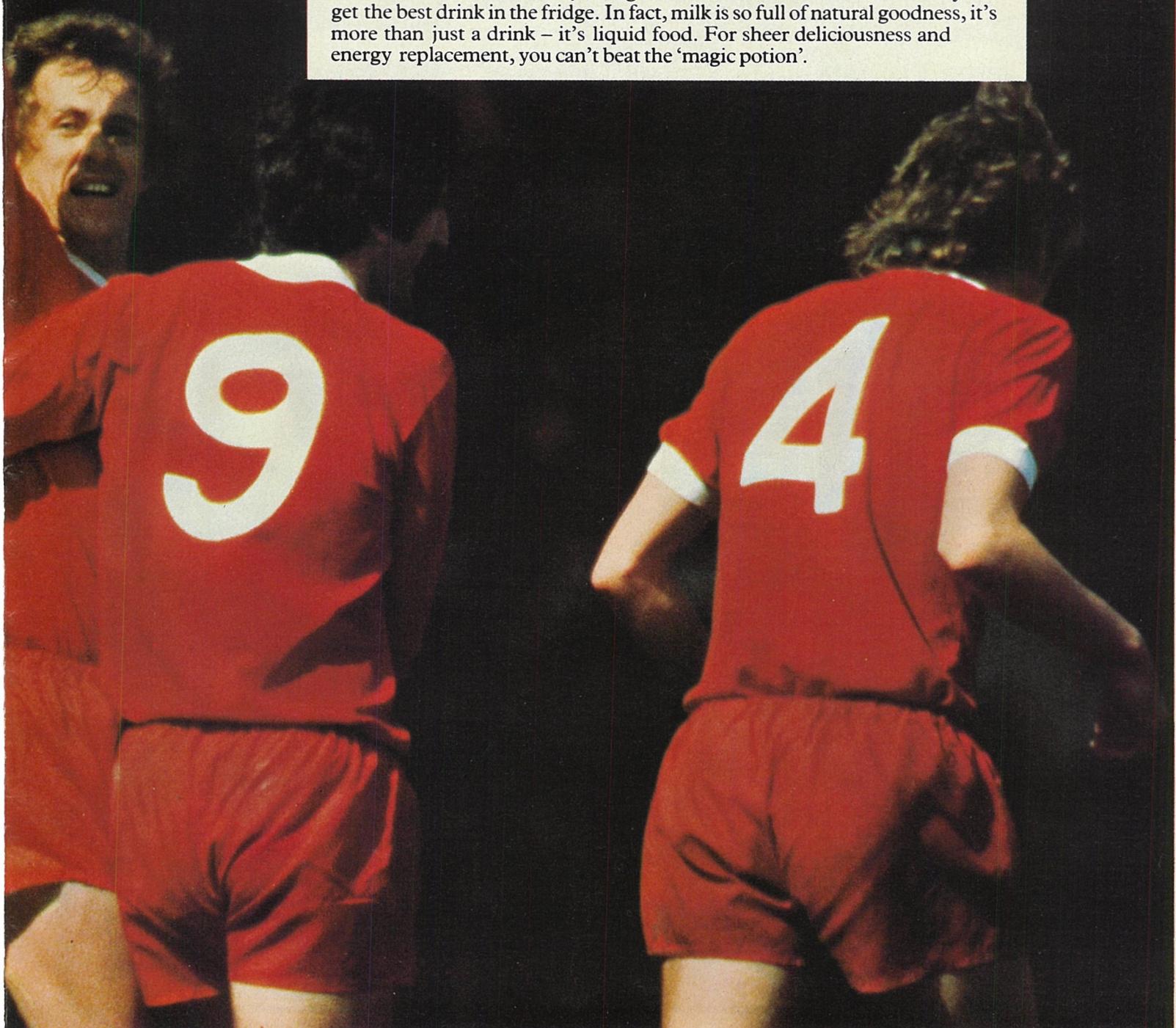
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# SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY



BACK ROW (left to right): John Lowey, David Grant, Mike Pickering, Ian Mellor, Mark Smith, Peter Shirliff, Andy McCulloch.  
MIDDLE ROW: Maurice Setters (coach), Jimmy Mullen, Ian Porterfield (now Rothamham) Brian Cox, Bob Bolder, Jeff King, Brian Strutt, Rodger Wyld, Tony Toms (coach).  
FRONT ROW: Terry Curran, Jeff Johnson, Ian Fleming, Denis Leman, Jack Charlton (manager), Ray Blackhall, Kevin Taylor, Gordon Owen, Brian Honsby.

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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT



*Goalkeeper Bob Bolder*



## WEDNESDAY- TIPPED TO GO UP!

"WE'LL all be heroes if we win something here," says Jack Charlton, manager of Sheffield Wednesday. He's so right . . . more than most people would imagine. It's not just a question of Wednesday, football's sleeping giant, waking up. It's not even about putting a trophy on a shelf although, apart from the consolation of two Fairs Cup appearances, it is 45 years since this Rip Van Winkle won the F.A. Cup.

No, the sweetest thing a club can win is promotion. The pros relish it. The supporters savour it. In Wednesday's case the last promotion was in 1959 when they won the Second Division Championship.

That means that only Wednesday fans nearing 30-years-of-age have revelled in such an occasion.

Four years ago, when relegation to the Fourth Division hung depressingly in the balance — it hinged on the last game of the season, at home to Southend — over 25,000 urged the team to 2-0 safety.

They hate the ignominy of Third Division football. That's

understandable, for their club, formed in 1867 (fifth oldest League club) won the very first Football trophy ever presented, the 'Cromwell Cup' in 1868, and their ground has staged some of football's biggest occasions, including 25 F.A. Cup Semi-Finals and four World Cup matches in 1966.

With no public transport available last Boxing Day morning, Sheffielders walked or hitched a lift to see the clash between Wednesday and local rivals Sheffield United which Wednesday won 4-0.

The attendance was an incredible 49,309, second only to Liverpool v. Manchester United!

So what are the chances of Wednesday entering the 1980's in style? Good. They have thrown off poor home form and convincing victories over Colchester, Bury, and Swindon (away) have made them 3-1 equal favourites with Grimsby and Swindon.

The current star of the side is Terry Curran. He's a changed character from the Doncaster, Forest, Derby, Southampton traveller football once knew, and there is talk of a 'TC Fan Club'

Terry Curran (stripes) has shown the kind of improved form which has been behind the Sheffield Wednesday revival this season.

He talks more responsibly these days: "My ambition now is to play football, to do well and to get back to the top. I used to be concerned about things too much . . . my attitude now is to knuckle down . . . to prove my point by showing what I can do."

"I have a lot of respect for the boss here. If you are feeling down it gives you a lift . . . that's worth a lot. Beating Sheffield United was the turning point for us. If we had lost they would have increased their lead at the top of Division Three. Now we've caught them and stand a great chance."

Jack Charlton promised the fans Curran would turn out to be an exciting player. He also told them that goalkeeper Bob Bolder would be a great asset and Bob, playing better than ever, is making vital saves. With the backing he is getting from Owls supporters his increasing improvement could take him to the top of the profession.

### Promotion

Another key to Wednesday's promotion chances is the timely return to form of Brian Hornsby, Wednesday's midfield strategist.

As the team's confidence has grown, individual contributions have become noticeably more impressive.

The aggression of Andy McCulloch up-front with Curran has proved to be the best of the possible striking permutations.

In midfield Ian Mellor has become an important link and the ten consecutively scored penalties coolly taken by promising defender Mark Smith give an indication of the talent maturing under Charlton's guidance.

With the fleet-footed Curran hungry for goals and his former

Southampton team-mate, Mike Pickering and ex-Crystal Palace player Jeff Johnson putting in stirring performances the course ahead has opened up for Wednesday.

Where they have got the edge over the other contenders is on those packed terraces . . . thousands of young supporters licking their lips at the thought of the first taste of promotion.

*Wednesday manager Jack Charlton, heading for Division Two.*





**N**OTHING should surprise anyone in sport, yet Southampton's signing of Kevin Keegan shook the soccer world. It had been obvious for some time that the 29-year-old England captain would be leaving Hamburg. For the past two seasons there have been rumours left, right and centre about his ultimate destination. Even the player, himself, has been confused. SHOOT has looked back at the Kevin Keegan saga over the past couple of years and presents . . .

# The DIARY of SAINT KEEGAN

JUNE 11th, 1978 . . . Juventus and Real Madrid are involved in a tug-of-war for Kevin. Secret talks between Hamburger SV and the two clubs have taken place in Argentina, where representatives of the wealthy clubs are gathered for the World Cup. Hamburg will ask a fee of £1½ million — a profit of £1 million.

JULY 23rd . . . Keegan refuses to play a friendly in Belgrade against Red Star. "After the way I was beaten up there when I was with the England party I swore I'd never go back." HSV's coach, Zebec, isn't pleased — he's a Yugoslav.

AUGUST 31st . . . Günter Netzer announces that Keegan will not be released from his Hamburg contract, following rumours Kevin would like to join another club.

SEPTEMBER 8th . . . "I must get out of Germany," says Kevin. "I've had a year of frustration because my team-mates haven't accepted me. I'm not a prima-donna. I don't want to cause trouble, but I refuse to be thought of as the nice lad who died the slow death. And

that's what I'll be doing if I stay in Hamburg. I would like to join Real Madrid and see if I can find the dream I'm chasing."

SEPTEMBER 14th . . . "I'll never play for an English club again," says Kevin. "I knew after I helped Liverpool win the European Cup in 1977 I'd gone as far as I could in club football there. I was getting bored. That's why I can't ever see myself coming back to play in England. Hamburg is the first step. I'm not sure where it will end . . ."

OCTOBER 8th . . . Liverpool chairman John Smith admits: "We would have Kevin back tomorrow. After all the reports and statements involving other clubs wanting Kevin, I want to clear things up for our fans — we are fully aware of what's happening. We think the world of him."

OCTOBER 10th . . . Real Madrid coach Luis Molowny says: "We have tried to sign Kevin once before and we would still like him in our team. Although we have our quota of two foreign players I have no doubt this problem could be





**OPPOSITE PAGE . . .** Kevin Keegan with Lawrie McMenemy at the Press conference when the news was announced. And how Kevin will look when he plays for Saints! **ABOVE . . .** Keegan in action for HSV against Eintracht Frankfurt.

overcome and he could be playing for us next season."

**NOVEMBER 15th . . .** Kevin becomes a dad as Jean gives birth to daughter Laura Jane, who weighed in at 7lb 8oz.

**DECEMBER 14th . . .** Laura Jane seriously ill with pneumonia. Kevin is at his daughter's bedside with Jean all night.

**DECEMBER 15th . . .** Laura Jane much better and leaves hospital this week.

**DECEMBER 28th . . .** Kevin Keegan is the European Footballer of the Year. "What with Laura Jane coming home and this award, it's a nice end to the year after so many worries," says Kevin. He adds: "There is a good chance I will stay with Hamburg if a few additional clauses are put in my contract. These clauses have not all to do with finance, but I have told the club I am willing to stay but would expect to be compensated for not taking up offers elsewhere. I hope they will meet me halfway on this."

**JANUARY 20th, 1979 . . .** Kevin says he is staying with Hamburg. "I had an offer from a foreign club which would have meant £500,000 a year. I won't be getting that here, but we have come to a sensible agreement. It could even be that I'll stay on when this contract expires. There is a saying 'better the devil you know . . .'"

**JANUARY 21st . . .** Reports say that Keegan is to sign a joint-contract with Hamburg and the Washington Diplomats. Kevin will go to the States after England's European Championship tie in Bulgaria this June.

**JANUARY 24th . . .** The deal cools when Keegan realises if he goes to the States he'll miss the opening rounds of the European Cup as his registration won't be lodged in time.

**MAY 21st . . .** Kevin releases a pop single "Head Over Heels In Love".

**JULY 7th . . .** Laura Jane has developed whooping cough and dad Kevin is once again keeping a vigil at her bedside.

**SEPTEMBER 22nd . . .** News that

Keegan has insisted on a maximum fee of £400,000 if he leaves Hamburg. **OCTOBER 1st . . .** "I want to put the record straight. It has been suggested I could leave Hamburg at the end of the season. That could be right. I can re-negotiate my contract in December, but I don't think there's much chance of me re-signing. Things may change, though."

**NOVEMBER 9th . . .** Chelsea are attempting to sign Keegan. Kevin has already had preliminary talks with chairman Brian Mears and manager Geoff Hurst. Hurst says: "We are on the point of trying to finance the deal so we can present Kevin with some figures. I'd like to get him exclusively for Chelsea but the Washington Diplomats are keen to sign him for the summer." Keegan says: "Chelsea are one of a

number of clubs I might be interested in joining. They're certainly the only one in the Second Division I'd sign for. I won't decide anything until I hear what the Diplomats have to say and what Hamburg have to offer." **NOVEMBER 10th . . .** Liverpool remind Chelsea THEY have first option on him should he return to England.

**NOVEMBER 15th . . .** Washington Diplomats reported to offer Kevin £455,000 for a summer season.

**NOVEMBER 16th . . .** The ITV programme "Brian Moore Meets Kevin Keegan" reveals that the Saudi Arabians have offered him a contract — and Kevin says he'll start talking at £1 million a year. Keegan also says he would like to be Prime Minister.

**NOVEMBER 22nd . . .** Leeds United manager Jimmy Adamson confirms his club's interest. "We have made enquiries about Kevin's future. The situation is that his contract with Hamburg expires next summer and he has until December 15th to make a decision. We are waiting for him to do that, but we have made a definite approach."

**DECEMBER 11th . . .** Keegan could join Juventus. The Italian club's supremo, Fiat chief Gianni Agnelli is keen to sign Mighty Mouse. Juventus striker Roberto Bettega says: "Of the players who will be available this summer Kevin is tops. He would fit into our pattern of play and the fans would really take to him." The problem is that the ban on foreigners in Italy hasn't been lifted.

**DECEMBER 19th . . .** Arsenal manager Terry Neill allegedly flies to Hamburg to talk to Keegan. The Irishman is tight-lipped and comments: "It is not the policy of

Arsenal F.C. to discuss transfers publicly nor to talk about players with other clubs."

**DECEMBER 23rd . . .** Now we know. Keegan says: "I'm leaving Hamburg at the end of the season and I went to play for Juventus in Italy. I need one final challenge, a supreme test, before I quit soccer. I've told Juventus my terms and I'm waiting to hear from them. If those negotiations break down I will turn to Spain and you can guess between Real Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia. If it means returning to England my choice would be Chelsea." Meanwhile, on Merseyside, Everton manager Gordon Lee says: "If Kevin is thinking of joining an English club I'd like the chance to talk to him and sign him." Liverpool again remind everyone that they have first refusal on Keegan if he returns to England. In Hamburg, Günter Netzer says he feels Kevin will go to Barcelona.

**DECEMBER 27th . . .** Kevin is chosen as European Footballer of the Year for the second successive year, a feat accomplished only by Johan Cruyff previously.

**JANUARY 12th, 1980 . . .** Italian First and Second Division clubs vote overwhelmingly against the lifting of their borders. Keegan says: "The vote in Italy means my coming back to English football is nearer reality. Now that my first choice, Juventus, has gone nothing's changed. My priority is still Barcelona, then Chelsea. If something doesn't come off in Spain then it would be back to England with Chelsea, although a number of things would have to be sorted out first."

**FEBRUARY 12th . . .** Southampton stun the soccer world with the transfer coup of the century.

## 'He's the best player in the world' — Günter Netzer

**T**HOUSANDS of words of welcome have been written these past few weeks in the wake of the news that Kevin Keegan is to come home to English football with Southampton.

But how do the Germans feel about losing the most popular footballer in the Bundesliga, and what is the reaction of the Hamburg manager, former West German international and superstar himself, Günter Netzer?

Well, Netzer is very philosophical about the whole affair — a sad one for him — but realistic enough to know that Keegan's farewell to Germany creates a massive problem for him.

"Naturally, my team's supporters are bitterly disappointed about losing Kevin, but they have known for months that he would be going, and like me resigned themselves to the fact."

"Even so, his departure still comes as a blow, and I have to think of replacing Kevin, and that is not easy because I believe he is the best player in the world right now."

"Last season I realised what a

complete player Kevin Keegan was when he helped us win the Bundesliga and I have honestly never seen anyone have such a complete season as he had."

"I believe the three seasons he has had in Germany, particularly the last two-and-a-half years after his early troubles, have made Kevin a much better player."

### 'Period'

"I arrived at the club when he was having his difficulties and I like to think I helped him through that period."

"It is right for him to go home to England now though and he does so with my thanks for everything he has gone for us."

"He will benefit from being near his England colleagues in the build-up to the World Cup, and I think he has made the right decision in going to Southampton rather than Juventus or Barcelona."

"I congratulate Lawrie McMenemy and Southampton on their gain and my loss."

Netzer has also become a great personal friend of Keegan's during his time in Germany,

there's not just a manager-player relationship.

"I will miss Kevin a great deal as a friend, but I wish him all success, and I believe he could help England win the World Cup again."

"As for Hamburg, well we will have to use the money we will receive for Kevin shrewdly. We are pleased with the transfer fee (around £410,000) although I know that is very small compared with the inflated prices in your country. Inflated is the right word, and I'm glad things haven't got so out of hand in my own country."

Will Netzer come back to England to look for a replacement for Keegan?

"At the moment there's no chance," he says.



# 'PLAYER CHOICE SO

THE day after Wolves hopefully beat Nottingham Forest in the League Cup Final, the Professional Footballers' Association will make their annual awards in London.

Three years ago I played for Aston Villa against Everton in the League Cup Final at Wembley, the game ending 0-0 and it was one of the worst I've ever played in.

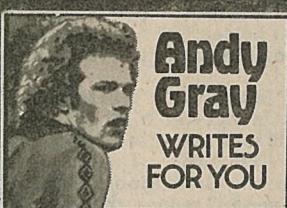
The next day, however, I was presented with both the Footballer and Young Player of the Year awards and whatever I may achieve in soccer, I can't believe anything will surpass this.

It wasn't until I went to the Hilton Hotel for the following year's presentation that I realised just what I'd won. Because of the League Cup replay, we weren't allowed to go to London and the presentation was made in my front room.

But being in the hotel with so many fellow pros showed me what an honour it was to be chosen not once, but twice.

Incidentally, my name will stay in the record books as the only double-winner, as the P.F.A. have now banned us from voting for the same player in both categories.

I was a little late in returning this year's form because I had great



difficulty in selecting my Player of the Year. Last year Liam Brady was a reasonably easy choice, but I had to think for ages about my selection this time.

There hasn't been anyone consistently outstanding as, say, Brady was last year or others before him.

There were a lot of candidates, although I couldn't make a case for any being head and shoulders above the rest. Phil Boyer is scoring freely, but only in Southampton . . . Ossie Ardiles has stuttered at times . . . Martin Peters has been efficient but in a quiet way. I looked at the top teams, yet still couldn't single out one player.

My eventual choice may surprise you, and I'd have to admit that because he's a Midlands player that I've been more aware of him than, for example, a star in London or the North.

Even so, BRYAN ROBSON has

made tremendous progress over the past 12 months, all the more creditable when you realise West Brom have struggled for much of 1978/80.

No one has, for my money, shone more consistently than the new England midfielder. Every time I've seen him he has turned in a first-class performance and his selection for England against the Republic of Ireland was fully deserved.

Bryan is the ideal midfield player, being able to pass accurately, he scores regularly and tackles like a tiger. Most midfielders are either defensive or attacking, but Bryan is an all-purpose player.

## Progress

Choosing my Young Player of the Year was easier. Like Bryan, GARY BAILEY of Manchester United has made phenomenal progress. He was given his chance when the transfer deal with Coventry's Jim Blyth fell through and he has literally grabbed it with both hands.

Being coached by former Irish goalkeeper Harry Gregg has obviously been a big influence. Gary always looks confident on crosses, his attitude is good and he gives me the impression he works very hard

at his game.

Naturally, Gary is my goalkeeper in my First Division Select XI. Right-back is BRENDON BATSON of West Brom. He's a dependable defender who rarely has a poor game, good on the ball and cool under pressure. Brendon may not stand out, but you can always rely on him.

To partner Brendon I selected, for the second successive year, a left-back I rate very highly, BOBBY McDONALD of Coventry City. I'm surprised he hasn't had more recognition. He's only about 25 and if he keeps plugging away full Scottish international honours may come yet.

What I particularly like about Bobby is his consistency — it's a much-used word in football, but it's that quality that separates the really good players from the good ones.

I usually go for club partnerships at centre-back . . . David O'Leary and Willie Young of Arsenal, or West Brom's John Wile and Alistair Roberston have been my selections in the past.

This time I went for DAVID O'LEARY and DAVE WATSON simply because they are just about the best in their position around.

In fairness, I'm told Mark Lawrenson of Brighton looked excellent

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alongside David for Eire against England, but I've never played against the versatile Brighton star.

What more can I say about the two Davids? At 21, O'Leary has much to look forward to, while Watson, nearer the veteran stage, is fit enough to hold his England place until the 1982 World Cup.

My midfield is BRYAN ROBSON, TERRY McDERMOTT and GORDON COWANS. I've already spoken of Bryan's qualities. Terry Mac, as he's known, appears to have four legs so fast does he run and so much ground does he cover.

Like Bobby McDonald, I'm surprised Terry hasn't had more international recognition, but he is, at least, a regular member of the England squad if not the team.

If ever Terry were injured, his absence from the Liverpool side would leave a huge gap in their midfield.

If he continues to progress as he has, Gordon could be the outstanding English midfielder in two years. He's a quiet lad who gets on with his job and I know from playing with him how much he means to Aston Villa. Des Bremner is their ball-winner, Dennis Mortimer makes good runs down the flanks, but Gordon is the one who makes Villa play.

I'm staying with my old club for one of my front three — BRIAN LITTLE. Brian's back to his best, which is very good indeed. He 'stood still' for a year or so a while back after cartilage problems. Now fully fit, we've seen some vintage performances from Brian this season and I'm sure he hasn't gone unnoticed by Ron Greenwood.

## Gifted

Brian is one of the most gifted players I've ever seen and there is no better sight in English football than the Villa star in full swing.

To complete my forward-line I went to Liverpool for KENNY DALGLISH and DAVID JOHNSON, the First Division's highest-scoring partnership of 1979/80. Kenny is, quite simply, the best forward in Britain, while David has the rewards he deserves after working so hard at his game.

Not one player from European Champions Nottingham Forest. This is not meant as a snub; their team has been chopped and changed quite a bit this season and the general opinion has been that they've had a bad time.

Bad time! League Cup Finalists, European Cup Quarter-Finalists and high in the First Division! This is a wonderful tribute to the first team squad and everyone who has played has done magnificently.

Having said that, the individual Forest stars haven't shone quite as brightly as they did last time round, due mainly to injuries and transfers.

This Saturday (March 1st) we face Middlesbrough at Molineux. I don't



ABOVE:  
"Gary Bailey shows his confidence coming out for this centre against Manchester City."

RIGHT:  
"Bryan Robson has been so consistent for WBA."

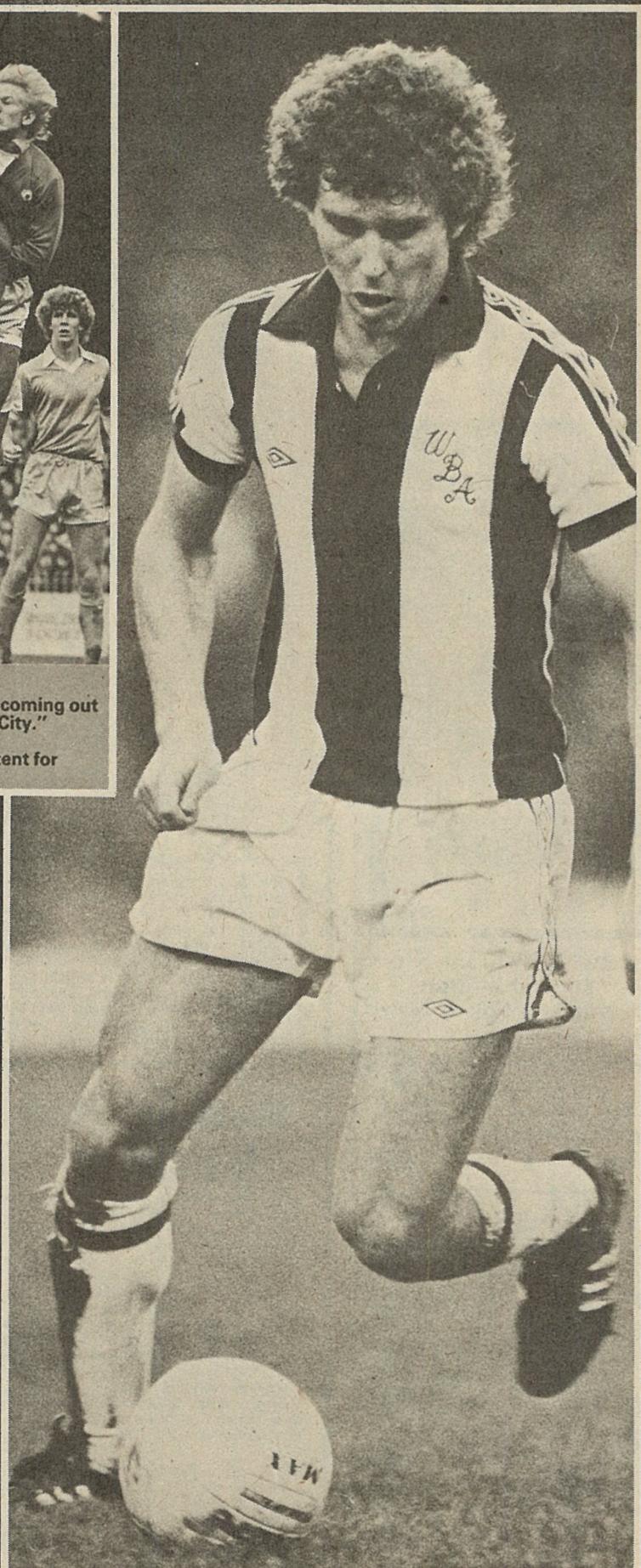
think I've ever been on the winning side against Boro, who are always extremely difficult to beat.

I was in a similar position with Villa in 1977, having reached the League Cup Final, and we found the League took care of itself. We didn't consciously give less in First Division games even though Wembley was only a few weeks away. Instead, we found that simply being involved in success stimulated us.

It was disappointing to lose to Watford in the F.A. Cup just a few days after beating Swindon. We didn't play well and I wish Graham Taylor's side the best of luck in the next round. It would have been nice to appear in two Wembley Finals, but right now we must put all thoughts of that out of our mind and concentrate on beating Boro this Saturday.

Join me in two weeks when I'll be talking in depth about the League Cup Final against Forest.

*[Handwritten signature of Alan Ball]*



# NEXT WEEK

**Stars react to KEVIN KEEGAN'S shock transfer of the decade.**

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THE South American Olympic football tournament hasn't exactly been hot news on the world's sports pages, but there's certainly been a fair share of incident. The most sensational match has been Argentina's 4-1 win against Peru in which two Peruvian players were sent-off. Goalkeeper Bravo is faced with a hefty spell of suspension after punching the Bolivian referee.

## West Germany favourites

THE form book makes West Germany favourites to reach the Final of the European Championship in Rome. In all previous encounters they have formidable records against the teams in their group and beat them all the last time they met. Against Holland the Germans have won eight, drawn eight, lost six; against Czechoslovakia they have won four, drawn two, lost three and against Greece they have never lost, beating them three times and drawing twice. But the portent for the Final is not so good. Likely to meet either Italy or England their record is: Italy: won three, drawn five, lost nine. England: won four, drawn three, lost 11.

● Greece reached the European Championship Finals in Italy at the expense of the U.S.S.R. and Hungary, but now appear to be in trouble finding a team. In a friendly against Cyprus in Nicosia, they could only draw 1-1 and used no less than 17 players.

# BARCELONA and KRANKL

## HOW IT ALL TURNED SOUR

THE ups and downs of football are never better illustrated than by Hans Krankl's (left) 19-month career with Barcelona. Krankl had made a name for himself by scoring consistently in Austria; his World Cup performances proved he was a striker of quality and the Spanish club were happy with their £450,000 bargain. Krankl's first season in Spain was a dream, but this season things have been very different.

The striker who was the hero of Barcelona is now back in his native Austria on loan to FC Vienna, who paid the Catalan club £30,000 to have him for the rest of the season.

He's upset and bitter at the way

he was treated in Spain and the business is far from finished. Barcelona want £450,000 for the 27-year-old star and no Austrian club can afford this. His contract has a year to run, so it is possible he could find himself reporting back to Barcelona next July.

If a British club wants to buy Krankl, his £450,000 represents good value. The problem is that he has been earning £125,000 a year with Barcelona. He isn't very popular in West Germany after some of the things he's said about Austria's 'big brother' and his long-term future is uncertain.

Here's how the 'love affair' between Krankl and Barcelona broke up:

June 17, 1978	In mid-World Cup, Valencia announce that they've signed Krankl to play alongside Mario Kempes. The fee: £350,000.
June 29, 1978	Barcelona announce the signing of Krankl for £450,000. Valencia protest to U.E.F.A. Krankl signs for three years.
September 3, 1978	Krankl makes his League debut for Barcelona against Racing Santander. He doesn't score.
January 14, 1979	Scores five goals in Barcelona's historic 9-0 League win over Rayo Vallecano and takes over at the top of the scoring charts.
May 5, 1979	Sent-off for fighting with Pavon in the local derby against Espanol. On the way home, he's involved in a serious car accident. His wife, Inge, hovers between life and death for three days, following serious abdominal injuries.
May 16, 1979	Scores Barcelona's fourth goal in the Spanish side's 4-3 win over Fortuna Dusseldorf in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final in Basle. Shaves off his beard by way of celebration.
June 4, 1979	Spanish League finishes. Barcelona are a disappointing fifth, but Krankl tops the country's scoring lists with 29 League goals, despite having missed four penalties. Finishes in fifth place in the European scoring charts.
October 3, 1979	Reacts angrily to being substituted during Cup-Winners' Cup match against IA Akranes.
October 14, 1979	Barcelona manager Rifé drops him from the first team for the side's away match in San Sebastian against Real Sociedad.
October 20, 1979	Travels to Scotland to represent Austria in a European Championship match. Reports back to Barcelona a day late, and is severely disciplined by the manager.
November 21, 1979	Still not playing regularly for Barcelona, he travels to Portugal to play for Austria. Plays for 12 minutes despite an injury. More trouble in Barcelona.
December 30, 1979	Hans Krankl plays his last game for Barcelona against, ironically, Valencia — the club who tried to sign him. After the match, Barcelona agree to his transfer.
January 8, 1980	Brazilian striker Roberto 'Dynamite' arrives in Barcelona as Krankl's substitute. The Krankl-Barcelona 'romance' is finished.

● Czechoslovakia's 1962 World Cup star Josef Masopust is ending his four year stint with Brno. With him they have been second, Champions and third, and currently they are third again. He has permission to join a foreign club to gain experience and will be replaced by his former Dukla club-mate Ladislav Novak, the Czech's all-time record international with 74 caps.

● Sarajevo, leaders in Yugoslavia at the start of the Spring campaign, have an entire team of home-based players who all came up from the club's Youth teams. This includes inside-forward Safet Susic, first capped last year, who hit two hat-tricks for Yugoslavia and recently earned the Footballer of the Year award.



● At the start of every League season, Argentinian Double winners River Plate are going through the painful process of renewing everybody's contracts.

Last year their World Cup goalkeeper Pato Fillol was the last to sign on the dotted line and in the meantime had threatened to retire from football.

But this year he was the first River player to agree terms — a 30 per cent increase on last year.

Meanwhile, River have made two more important signings. Striker Juan Carlos Heredia (River paid the Spanish club £250,000 after lengthy bargaining) is one.

And ex-Birmingham City full-back Alberto Tarantini (above) who moves back to Buenos Aires after a year with Talleres of Cordoba, the other. Details of the transfer are a little contradictory, but Talleres are reported to have been obliged to sell the World Cup defender in order to pay Birmingham the £60,000 they still owe from Tarantini's transfer from the St. Andrews club.

## WORLD WIDE



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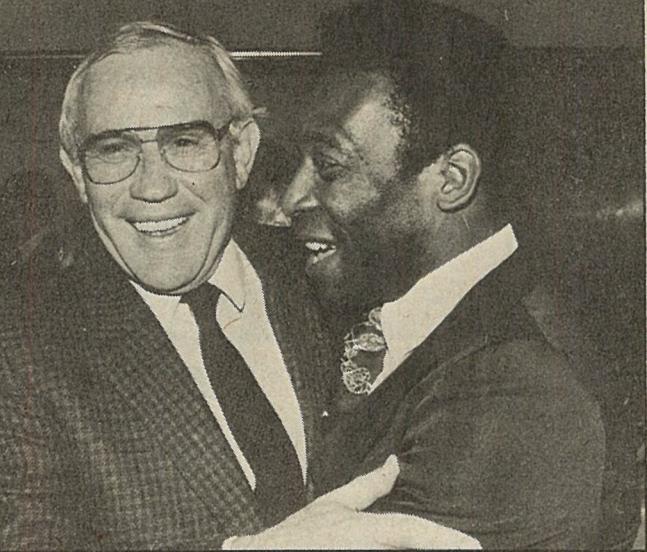
## 'No football in Spain!'

PORTUGUESE international midfielder João Oliveira has made a rapid return to his former club FC Porto after only six months with Spanish club, Real Betis. Oliveira never adapted to the Spanish game and on his departure remarked with disgust: "It's impossible to play football in Spain — they're only interested in kicking you, punching you, elbowing you or spitting at you. The ball doesn't seem to be that important at all."

**I**n France, FC Sochaux have come storming out after the winter break and moved into a challenging position after thrashing favourites St-Etienne 4-1. This allowed Nantes to leap-frog over Les Verts into second place with a 4-1 home win over Bordeaux. And Monaco maintained their lead with a 2-0 win against Lens. Paris St. Germain have also been celebrating the return of Portuguese midfielder João Alves (after a broken leg) by hitting a spell of top form and rocketing up the League table into fifth place.

● Arnold Mühren is, according to Dutch newspapers, having talks with several Dutch clubs over terms for next season and will not be re-signing for Ipswich Town. He has a clause in his contract that says Ipswich will sell him back to a Dutch or Belgian club at the end of his contract for only £80,000, a bargain in any language.

● The national team of the People's Republic of China have been training at Coverciano, the Italian FA's coaching school. In a friendly they drew 0-0 with Fiorentina.



★ Cologne coach Hennes Weisweiler flew to New York by Concorde for a Press conference where he was formally introduced as the next Cosmos manager. The German is leaving Tony Woodcock's club at the end of the season to start a three-year stint with America's most famous club. Waiting to greet him in New York was Pelé, one of the Cosmos's international consultants.

## News flashes

With Monaco's Argentine striker Delio Onnis still out of action through injury, another imported player — the German, Erwin Kostedde — has taken over at the top of the French scoring charts. The Laval striker has his sights set on a total of 27 goals this season.

## BLACK WATCH SHOW SCOTLAND HOW IT'S DONE

SCOTLAND haven't had a convincing away victory for years but ten Scots of the Black Watch showed Jock Stein's men how to win on foreign soil. The game was between the Black Watch and a team of guerrillas from Robert Mugabe's Patriotic Front — the venue: a makeshift soccer pitch at Camp B For Bravo 150 miles North of Salisbury in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. The ten Scots, plus an on-loan Australian goalkeeper (no prizes for spotting him in the photo!) won 4-0. The Battle of the Boots was a peaceful affair, which was just as well, as apparently there were 641 P.F. supporters on the touchline armed with AK assault rifles, grenades and rocket launchers. Those Forest fans who complain about the state of the City Ground pitch should be thankful for small mercies after seeing THIS surface!

The winter break in East Germany was shortened this season from December 12th to February 23rd in anticipation that they would want to finish their programme early to take part in the European Championship Finals. Though those hopes are dashed, it meant that their Champions BFC Dynamo Berlin had two League games and an F.A. Cup tie behind them before they met Nottm. Forest in the European Cup.



Jacek Gmoch (left) former boss of Poland's national team, has followed his predecessor Kazimierz Gorski to Greece. Gmoch has taken over as manager of First Division club Yannina.

Garrincha, right-wing star of Brazil's World Cup successes in 1958 and 1962, is seriously ill in hospital. Still only 44, he is suffering from a mysterious liver complaint.

When Algeria beat Morocco 5-1 in an Olympic Games qualifying match in Casablanca, the authorities decided to 'import' police from all the major towns in Morocco. The F.A. expected trouble because of the strained political relations between the two countries and for a crowd of 80,000 there were more than 30,000 police in attendance! Things were kept under control . . .

With Finland's national team drawing at home and away with neighbouring giants the U.S.S.R., attendance at First Division matches received a boost in 1979. Gates jumped by 38% from a total of 221,000 for 1978 to 306,000 last year.

The U.S.S.R. F.A. is considering a new formula for their Championship which starts in April. The new project calls for two groups of 16 clubs in the top class, and after completion of the programme, play-offs between the top four from each section.

Only 325 spectators watched the recent French Second Division match between Ajaccio and Montluçon. On the same day, Blois v Chaumont (548), Noeux v Montmorillon (852) and Luce v Reims (839), also attracted fewer than a thousand fans. In the First Division, only 1,546 watched Bastia draw with Angers and 1,758 saw League-leaders Monaco put four goals past tail-enders Brest.

## Taste of their own medicine

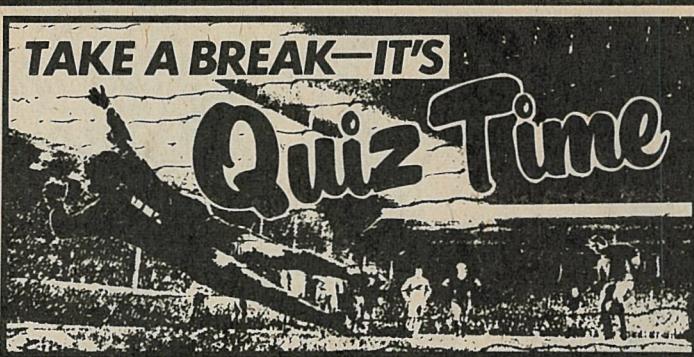
IT'S ironic that many countries are threatening to boycott the Moscow Olympics because seven years ago the USSR refused to play in Chile on political grounds. It was a play-off game for the 1974 World Cup Finals and the Russians wouldn't travel to Santiago for the return tie.

FIFA rightly expelled the USSR from the tournament; fined them and ordered them to pay Chile £40,000 in compensation. Apparently, this has never been paid.

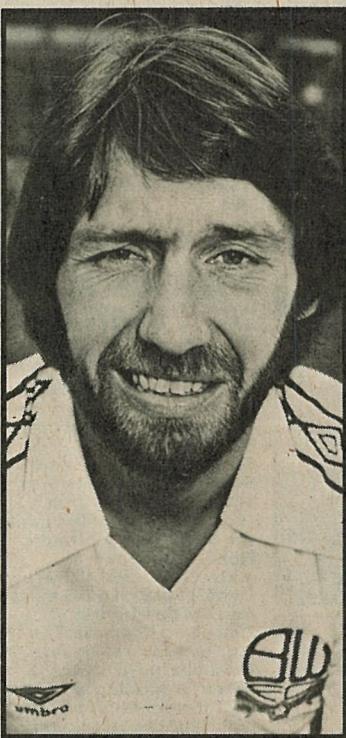
Of course, the answer is to keep sport and politics separate from each other. Sadly, this seems impossible, but maybe the Russians shouldn't expect others to do what they refused to do in 1973.

**TAKE A BREAK—IT'S**

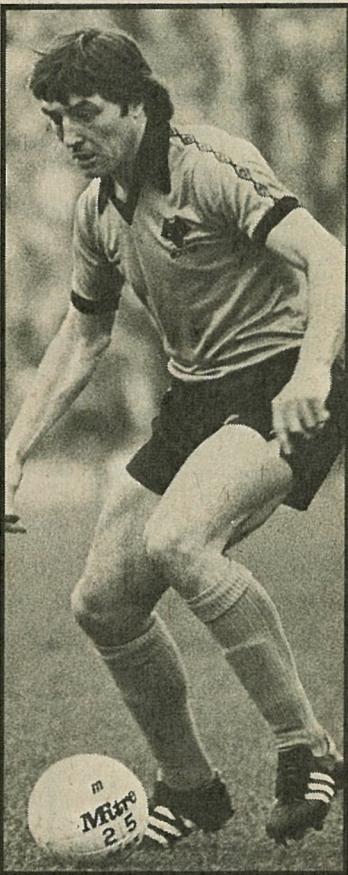
# Quiz Time



- Who was recently appointed manager of Northern Ireland?
- Chelsea full-back Graham Wilkins (below), brother of Manchester United's Ray, turned down a move recently to Bournemouth, Barnsley or Blackburn Rovers?
- England Under-21's played their Scottish counterparts in the Quarter-Finals, first-leg at Coventry's Highfield Road. Did England win 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?
- Who were the three full internationals who played for the England Under-21 side?
- Don Penn has been scoring goals regularly, and attracting the top scouts, for which Fourth Division club this season?
- Portsmouth top scorer Colin Garwood was transferred to which Fourth Division club recently?



- Roy Greaves (left) has signed a contract and will leave Bolton Wanderers to join Seattle Sounders, Minnesota Kicks or Los Angeles Aztecs?
- Manchester City's Bobby Shinton (above, right) has been on loan to which Third Division club?
- Kevin Keegan recently agreed to join Southampton from Hamburger SV for £410,000. When will he sign for Saints?
- Which former Scottish international was recently appointed manager of Hearts?
- Which Liverpool player made his 200th consecutive appearance for the club, Phil Thompson, Phil Neal or Ray Kennedy?



## LEAGUE CUP

The League Cup Semi-Finals second-legs were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the ties.

- Liverpool and Nottingham Forest drew 1-1 at Anfield. What was the aggregate score?
- Who scored Liverpool's goal?

## ANSWERS

1. Billy Bingham. 2. Bobby Moncur. 3-2-1 to Barnsley. 4. Glen. 5. Hodde, Kenny Sansom and Bryan Robson. 6. Walsall. 7. Aldershot. 8. Aldershot. 9. Millwall. 10. Mel Eves. 11. David Fairclough. 12. Phil Thompson. 13. Neil. 14. Ray Kennedy. 15. Kevin Keegan.

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Gordon Milne enjoys a light-hearted moment with the 11 youngsters who have made their mark at Coventry this season.



# COVENTRY'S KIDS

COVENTRY City manager Gordon Milne has always placed the emphasis on youth at Highfield Road — and now he is beginning to reap the benefits of his foresight.

When Coventry beat Liverpool 1-0 at Highfield Road recently, six of the team were aged 21 or under. In all, there have been 11 youngsters in that category who have appeared for the club this season.

"It's the fruits of the efforts of five years hard work," says Milne. "Even so, it is extremely unusual to get such a good batch of players coming through all at the same time."

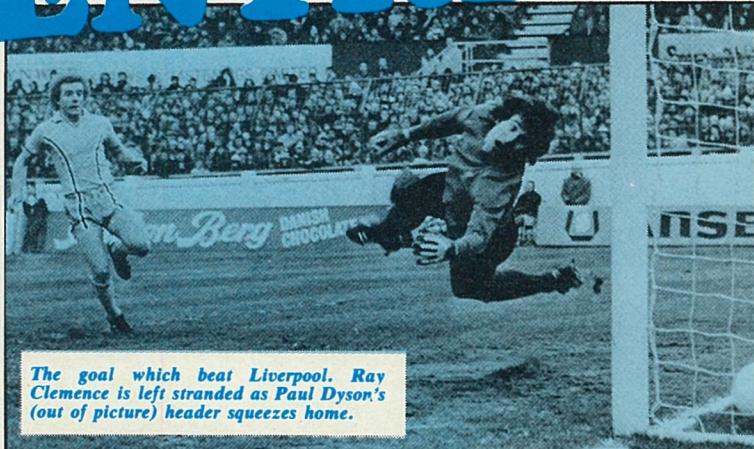
"At some clubs the youngsters think twice about joining because they know they won't get much of a chance, but here they are treated on merit. If they are good enough, they will play, and I think they appreciate this fact."

Clearly it was a tremendous achievement for those six youngsters, plus substitute Garry Thompson, to beat Liverpool after the League leaders had gone 19 games without defeat. So SHOOT! asked Milne to appraise the form of these seven, starting with goalscorer Paul Dyson.

"Paul's had to have a lot of patience, because the opportunities at centre-half have been very limited due to the consistency of Jim Holton.

"Since he's been given the chance to show what he can do, Paul has done very well. For a lad of his size he's got tremendous skill on the ground.

"Paul asked for a transfer last



The goal which beat Liverpool. Ray Clemence is left stranded as Paul Dyson's (out of picture) header squeezes home.

year, because with Holton, Jim Hagan, Gary Gillespie, Garry Collier and even Mick Coop all after places in the centre of defence, the opportunities for Paul were obviously limited.

"I know he has said that he will ask for a move again if he is sent back to the reserves, but I think he has been getting more of a chance than he at first thought."

Dyson's partner in the centre of the Coventry defence against Liverpool was Gary Gillespie, a 19-year-old signed from Falkirk for £75,000 two years ago.

"When Gary was signed he was the youngest captain in Britain at 17. Of all the youngsters at the club, Gary was the only one we have had to pay for, but there is no doubt he was well worth that initial outlay.

"He is very mature for his age, and the fact that he has already had experience of leading a team is something of a guide to his nature and presence."

Another member of the Scottish Under-21 squad at Highfield Road is midfield player Andy Blair. "Andy is a local lad really," says Milne. "He was born in Scotland, but has lived in nearby Bedworth all his life.

"When he first came to the club, it was obvious that he needed to put in a lot of hard work to make it to the top. But he has made greater progress than we could ever have imagined in such a short space of time."

Blair is still only 20, but Milne has already seen a lot of qualities in one of the more experienced members of his 'youth' team.

"He's got tremendous energy, skill, enthusiasm and has played extremely well for us in often very difficult circumstances."

Another 20-year-old midfield player is Ray Gooding. "Ray is one of the best passers of the ball we have at the club. There are not that many good left-footed players around at the moment, but Ray is

one of them. He is naturally enthusiastic and aggressive."

The three other youngsters who all played their part in that victory over Liverpool are forwards, a department Milne is already fortunately rich in with Ian Wallace and Mick Ferguson.

Of the three, Mark Hateley has enjoyed most publicity, possibly because he is the son of former Liverpool star Tony.

"Mark has a long way to go before he is as good in the air as his father was, but he's already more skilful on the ground. He has been included in the England Youth team, and if he can use his pace and shooting ability to the maximum, he should become a great player.

## 'System'

"Tommy English is a very similar player. He comes from Colchester, but somehow slipped through the usually thorough Ipswich scouting system. A lot of young players are a bit wary of diving into the thick of the action for fear of getting hurt, but Tommy just throws himself in there, and as a result scores a lot more goals."

But ask Milne to select the best of all the youngsters, and he is lost for words. "A year ago I would have said Garry Thompson. He made tremendous progress with every game he played, and at one time he looked one of the most effective strikers in the game.

"But then he had a terrible accident in training when he broke a leg, and it has obviously taken him time to get back. His game is built around energy and aggression, and once he rediscovers his touch, he will be a tremendous player."

# FOCUS ON DIEGO MARADONA ARGENTINA

**FULL NAME:** Diego Armando Maradona  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Lanus (Buenos Aires), Argentina  
**BIRTHDATE:** 30th October, 1960  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 7ins  
**WEIGHT:** 10st 10lbs  
**CLUBS:** "Las Cebollitas", Argentinos Juniors  
**MARRIED:** No, but I have a steady girlfriend, Claudia  
**CAR:** Ford Coupe — an American model  
**FAVOURITE PLAYERS:** Mario Kempes and Pele  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** River Plate  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Tavita Garcia when he was a River Plate player. Now he's my team-mate at Argentinos  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** The Semi-Final in the World Youth Championship in Japan, when we beat Uruguay 2-0  
**BIGGEST THRILL:** Winning the World Youth Championship last year, and being voted Sportsman of the Year in Argentina  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Missing out on the 1978 World Cup, when Menotti eliminated three players from the squad at the last moment  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My father in particular, but all my family really  
**BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER:** Losing  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** 20 caps with the Argentina Youth Team, and about 15, I think, with the 'A' team

**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Well, Argentina really, but I like the Brazilian city Rio de Janeiro  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Oven-roasted meat  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Playing table-tennis and watching TV  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Injustice  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOWS:** Sports programmes and films  
**FAVOURITE SINGER:** The Spaniard, Julio Iglesias; and melodical music in general  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR:** Ryan O'Neal  
**BEST FRIEND:** Jorge Cyterszpiler, my agent

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be the number one footballer in the world  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** The same  
**IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER,**  
**WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE?** I've no idea. I've always been in football, and it's the most important thing in the world for me  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** Actress Farah Fawcett



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